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**TODAY** 

# Israel, **Qatar** to set up trade missions

DAVID MAKOVSKY DOHA, QATAR

ISRAEL and Qatar pledged a new era of economic cooperation yesterday, announcing the formation of quasi-diplomatic, commercial missions in Doha and Tel Aviv in

the weeks ahead. After two hours of talks between Qatari Emir Sheikh Hamad bin-Khalifa and Prime Minister Shimon Peres at the mammoth marble palace in the capital, overlooking the Persian Gulf, top officials voiced confidence that economic links will bring mutual benefit.

In response to a question by The Jerusalem Post at a press conference concerning whether Israeli tourists would now be welcome in Qatar, Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamad bin-Jassam bin-Jaber al-Thani replied, while standing alongside Peres: "I cannot see any problems with that."

Peres said yesterday's achievement is significant since economic links are more important now than diplomatic ones since they bring the most tangible benefits to the public.

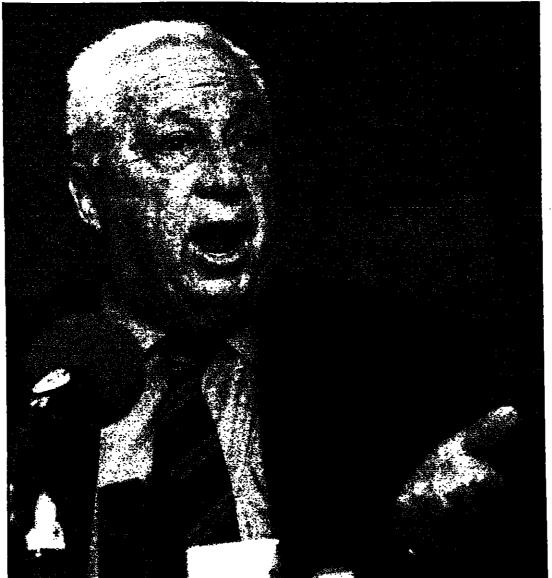
Bin-Jassam said he expected other Arab countries to follow Qatar in establishing peace with Israel. Asked if Peres's "New Middle East" was realistic, the foreign minister replied: "Yes, it is realistic, but it will take time." He then immediately added that Peres is doing "the right job" in promoting

Perhaps as an indication that impacting upon the Arab public takes longer than changing the policies of an Arab regime. Qatari newspaper al-Wattan published a poll that only 31 percent of Qataris favor immediate normalization

with Israel. Peres waxed enthusiastic about the red-carpet treatment he received in Qatar, which, like in Oman a day earlier, included full military honors and a military band playing "Hatikva" on arrival. Peres said he was "very excited" to be in Qatar.

At the press conference, Peres said three diplomats from each country would be deployed in the respective trade offices, which he said would deal with trade, industry, tourism and agriculture. He also announced that in order for joint ventures to proceed smoothly, the two sides would soon sign an economic agreement in the areas of double taxation and investment protection. A Finance Ministry delegation is expected in Qatar within a month to conclude the agreement, Finance Ministry Di-(Continued on Page 5)





MK Ariel Sharon speaks at a press conference yesterday during which he denied misleading former prime minister Menachem Begin about the aims of Operation Peace for Galilee. (AP)

security officials, led by General Security Service chief Ami Ayalon and Palestinian Preventive Security chief Mohammed Dahalan, have held a series of meetings in Gaza recently to firm up cooperation, according to Israeli and Palestinian sources.

The latest meeting was at the end of last week, at the office of PA President Yasser Arafat. Those attending were Arafat, Avalon, Dahalan, Palestinian police chief Razi Jabali, and Mussa Arafat, a senior security adviser

The sources described the meetings as a direct offshoot of the Sharm e-Sheikh anti-terror conference. CIA officers have also been present at a number of the meetings, aimed at improving cooperation between the security

**BILL HUTMAN** He described the meetings as "productive," and said the PA forces, the sources said. has met most of Israel's demands for cracking down on Hamas.

We have detained 11 of the 13

persons on the wanted list given

to us by Israel." Dahalan said in a

telephone interview from his

Gaza headquarters. Still at large

are Dief, No. 1 on Israel's list,

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A senior Israeli security official said the meetings in themselves reflect a degree of improvement in relations between the Israeli and Palestinian security services. However, the official said, "there is still much distrust between the

"The Palestinians have an interest today in showing that they are working to fight terror," the official said. "But we are still waiting to see real results. When they've caught [Izzadin Kassam commander Mohammed] Dief, and turned him over to us, then we know that they're for real,"

said the official. "We agreed to have these meetings at Sharm e-Sheikh," Dahalan told The Jerusalem Post.

# Police, IDF on increased alert during holiday

HAIM SHAPIRO

THE police and army are to be on increased alert this Pessah due to an announcement by Hamas that it intends to continue committing acts of

The announcement means that thousands of policemen, border policemen. Civil Guard volunteers, and soldiers are to be on duty throughout the holiday to ensure that the rest of the population can celebrate the week-long holiday safely. The police urged the public to report suspicious objects, individuals, or vehicles.

The police are also to take extra steps to enforce traffic regulations. The holiday is to begin tonight with the festive seder meal, at which the participants drink four cups of wine, ask the Four Questions, and retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt.

In homes around the country today, children and adults are to make final preparations to rid their homes of all hametz, or leavened products. (Continued on Page 5)

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# Begin: Sharon lied to my father about Lebanon

LIKUD MK Ariel Sharon lied when he said the government knew of his plan for the Lebanon War, according to a deposition MK Ze'ev Begin submitted to the Tel Aviv District Court that was made public yesterday.

The deposition was filed by the defense in the NIS 510,000 libel suit by Sharon against Ha'aretz over a May 1991 article. The article said "Menachem Begin knows very well that Sharon deceived him."

Sharon yesterday denied that he had lied to or misled Begin.
"For 14 years I have been

hounded by this libel that I lied to Menachem Begin. I never lied to or deceived Menachem Begin. For 14 years this libel has been circulating in all the mass media," he told a press

and news agencies

Begin's deposition relates to a lecture Sharon gave at Tel Aviv University in 1987, marking five years since the start of the operation, in which Sharon allegedly said that when he brought the plans for Operation Peace for Galilee before the cabinet, it was understood that it would lead to

In the deposition, Ze'ev Begin said he visited his father on August 14, 1987 and told him about the report on television about Sharon's lecture. "I told him that my conclusion from the report was that Sharon was trying to prove that Operation Peace for Galilee was planned from the beginning to bring IDF troops to Beirut," he

"It is not possible that Arik Sharon planned from the beginning to reach Beirut," Ze'ev Begin

ing to the deposition.

Ze'ev Begin said he showed his father the pertinent part of the transcript of Sharon's talk, and the former prime minister was shocked. "He said that in the talk] Sharon had in retrospect expanded the aims of the operation baselessly," the depo-

sition said. According to Ze'ev Begin, his father became very upset and, asserting that there was "no truth to the statements," angrily pointed out that he had himself informed the head of the opposition, the Knesset, and even the president of the US of the limited aims of the operation in Lebanon, the deposition added.

It continued, "Sharon confirmed in an article in Ma ariv on August 21, 1987, that as defense minister he planned Operation Peace for Galilee to bring IDF troops to the alleyways of

(Continued on Page 11)

# Sharon: I never deceived Menachem Begin

LIKUD MK Ariel Sharon yesterday repeated his stand that he had not lied to or misled prime minister Menachem Begin over the extent of planned action in Operation Peace for Galilee.

"For 14 years I have been hounded by this libel that I lied to Menachem Begin. I never lied to or deceived Menachem Begin. For 14 years this libel has been circulating in all the mass media," Sharon told a press conference, called after publication of depositions in Tel Aviv District court in Sharon's libel case

against Ha'aretz and reporter Uzi He told reporters that when he

had presented the government the plans for Operation Peace for Galilee he had not intended to reach Beirut. He said the government had been informed of every step in the campaign and had twice authorized the IDF to cross the 40 kilometer line. He said the government also

knew of IDF contingency plans to attack the terrorist headquarters in Beirut.

Sharon said Menachem Begin's son, MK Ze'ev (Benny) Begin, had misunderstood a lecture he had given at Tel Aviv University in 1987 marking five years since the start of the war in

"The basis of Benny Begin's statements is what he is con-vinced he heard me say in a lecture in 1987 which he imagined to (Continued on Page 5)



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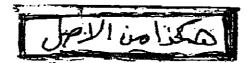
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PM: Referendum

# Shahak: Hizbullah recruiting for more attacks in Lebanon

HIZBULLAH continues to recruit suicide bombers to operate in south Lebanon while Hamas continues to plan terror attacks in Israel, Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday, according to an official briefing. Shahak could not say whether the Hamas attacks are a deliberate attempt to influence the Israeli

He also declined to state the reasons for IDF restraint in South Lebanon and refused to answer a question on whether the restraint

HAMAS warned yesterday that it

might resume suicide attacks

against Israelis to punish the Palestinian Authority for its cam-

paign against Islamic fundamen-

A leaflet by its military wing,

Izzadin Kassam, recommended

reacting to "the crimes of the

Arafat authority and the Zionists

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stemmed from political pressure. Shahak said morale in the South Lebanese Army is low because of uncertainty over the future. He said Israel is doing everything to restore security in South Lebanon but local residents feel threatened and SLA soldiers "are reaching their own conclusions."

He rejected criticism over IDF action in Yatar in south Lebanon over the weekend in which two people were killed. Hizbullah is claiming the two were innocent civilians, whereas Israel still has reason to believe the two were terrorists. Shahak said Israel had

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martyrdom operations and light-

ing a fire again in the heart of the

It accused the Palestinian police

of torturing arrested militants and

discounted any PA-Hamas dia-

logue conducted while 500

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activists were in jail.

received information from "reliable sources" that the two belonged to Hizbullah.

He said the IDF soldiers had acted correctly and would fire again under the same circumstances. He said the IDF soldier on lookout had seen a group of five men, two of whom appeared to be armed.

"A soldier doesn't need the permission of the OC to fire at terrorists," he said. "But mistakes can be made because of

JON IMMANUEL

mediator, has visited some of the

senior Hamas leaders in jail, to try

to reach an understanding that

Intra-Palestinian tensions also

sharpened with the death Sunday

of Tayseer Lawzi, a Fatah activist

in Ramallah who was shot by PA

Municipality of

would permit their release.

the realities of guerrilla warfare in which terrorists use the cover of civilians or UN soldiers to

Shahak said there was no written agreement with Hizbullah and the understandings reached via the US and through them Syria, precluded action against villagers but not terrorists. He said Hizbullah was violating the understandings as Israel perceived them.

Regarding terrorism in the territories, Shahak said Israel has information that Hamas and Islamic Jihad still intend to carry

General Intelligence officers who

said they mistook the passengers of the car he was in for fleeing

Hamas activists distributing

In its own leaflet Fatah warned

Meanwhile, Palestinian-Israeli

tensions sharpened as hundreds

demonstrated in Hebron yesterday

against the postponement, due to

the bombings, of Israel's withdraw-

al from the city under the terms of

Oslo 2. The IDF was to have rede-

Hebron is the strongest bastion of Hamas. One-third of those

recently arrested are from Hebron,

and Prime Minister Shimon Peres

has little political incentive to

hand over Hamas strongholds to

PA control after accusing the PA

ployed by the end of March.

that it had "decided to prohibit the activities of the General Intelligence apparatus in the

out attacks. He said the closure of Gaza is strict and causing serious economic hardship. There are plans to ease the transfer of goods, Shahak said but warned that the more goods allowed out of Gaza into Israel, the greater the risk that arms and explosives could be snuggled out. Unlike Gaza, the closure of Judea and Samaria is "shaky" and it is easier for a lone attacker to cross the Green Line from there. Even the allocation of NIS 260 million for a separation plan could not seal the area hermetically, Shahak

Hamas planning attacks to also punish PA day condemned Peres's final settlement referendum idea, calling it "illegal. It would hold Palestinian land and rights hostage to a refer-endum of the Jewish people, " said PA Finance Minister Mohammed Nashashibi, who accompanied Yasser Arafat to a ribbon-cutting

ceremony for a new hotel. Meanwhile, the ministerial committee on the closure consisting of Ministers Moshe Shahal, Yossi Sarid, Ya'acov Tzur and Deputy Minister Ori Ott, in a visit to the Erez checkpoint, said they would recommend increasing transport of Palestinian exports to Jordan and Egypt, replacing IDF with civilian security personnel to better check incoming trucks. Sarid said he would recommend increasing the entry of wellknown, responsible and longemployed workers to Israel.

Unemployment in Gaza has vir-mally doubled since the closure from 50,000 to 90,000 of the 150,000 labor force, UN envoy Terie Larsen said Sunday.

does not alter differences of Labor, Likud DAVID MAKOVSKY, SARAH HONIG and news agencies PRIME Minister Shimon Peres

insisted yesterday that differences still remain between his Labor Party and the Likud in the upcoming election, despite his pledge on Monday to hold a national referendum before signing any final status agreements with the Palestinians on the disposition of the territories.

Peres told reporters during his plane ride from Oman to Qatar that he did not think the opposition's commitment to the peace process is genuine.
"Don't you understand that [the Likud] will bring another half mil-

lion people to the settlements and this will bring the end to the peace process?" he said. "We won't add or take down settlements."

The Likud says it won't talk to [Palestinian Authority President (asser] Arafat, and we will. The Likud says it can charm [Syrian President Hafez] Assad, and not yield the Golan. I don't think this is the situation." Peres privately took the decision to hold the referendum within the last two weeks, and conveyed this to top aides, but did not announce it until Monday.

Peres and his aides seemed satisfied that remarks on holding a national referendum have caught the Likud off balance, believing they have deprived the Likud of its primary line of attack in the current campaign. The Likud's negative reactions to his pledge, Peres said, "is a sign that I am doing the right thing."
The Likud accused Peres of try-

ing to "fool the public... The real

referendum will be the day of the elections," the party said in a

Arafat also was displeased with Peres's promise to hold a referendum, saying yesterday that it vio-lates the Oslo accords. This is completely against what had been agreed upon," Arafat told reporters in Gaza.

Peres said he didn't think his announcement should upset the Palestinians. "It sends them [a] message that we intend to go ahead with a permanent settle-ment," he said. "This is an internal affair of Israel's."

There's no violation, we never said we wouldn't have a referendum," Peres continued, adding that Arafat should realize Israel is sincere about the final status talks. The Likud last night accused Peres of "asking the nation for a mandate to doublecross us all, to cheat the entire population as soon as the elections are over."

Peres knows full well, according to the Likud communique, that "his true platform is actually the Meretz platform, but that it will cause him to lose the upcoming elections, should the people know the truth. This is why he now seeks to conceal the fact that he will divide Jerusalem, establish a Palestinian state and bring the Syrians to the shores of Lake Kinneret. Peres causes people to lose even more faith in the credibility of politicians when he says to the nation: give me a mandate

# Begin-Sharon feud plays into Labor's hands

THE Likud leadership was dismayed yesterday over the fact that the festering 14-year-old feud between MKs Ze'ev (Benny) Begin and Ariel Sharon had surfaced full force a mere 57 days before the elections.

Party leaders did not know whether to attribute this to simple bad luck or to both Begin and Sharon's unconquerable desire to each have the last word, regard

**SARAH HONIG** 

less of the cost to the cause they both avidly espouse. Whatever the answer, the two will come under the most severe pressure to cool their ardor to win their private points, lest both end up with the blame for the Likud's downfall, No matter what happens, it is

already clear that the ongoing Begin-Sharon battle is sure to hurt

> fered on just how and how much. The most apparent and unavoidable damage lies in the fact that the squabbling duo produces juicy news copy which the media cannot resist and which will therefore divert attention from current events to the past.

the Likud, though opinions dif-

Likud strategists believe this will play into Labor's hands in two ways. First, Labor will be happy not to deal with the current security situation and the increasing terrorist threat despite the Olso accords, as well as with the entire matter of relations with the PLO. It is precisely to neutralize these issues and remove them from the electorate's agenda that Peres, according to the Likud, set up the referendum smokescreen. the media to dwell on the events of 1982 is a godsend for. Labor, as it serves a similar puropose as the referendum proposalwithout Labor having to take any initiative or incur any political;

Second, the feud clearly hurts the Likud's image. The party is again portrayed as engaged in internecine combat, despite the fact that its own candidate for, prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, is entirely uninvolved. in the confrontation.

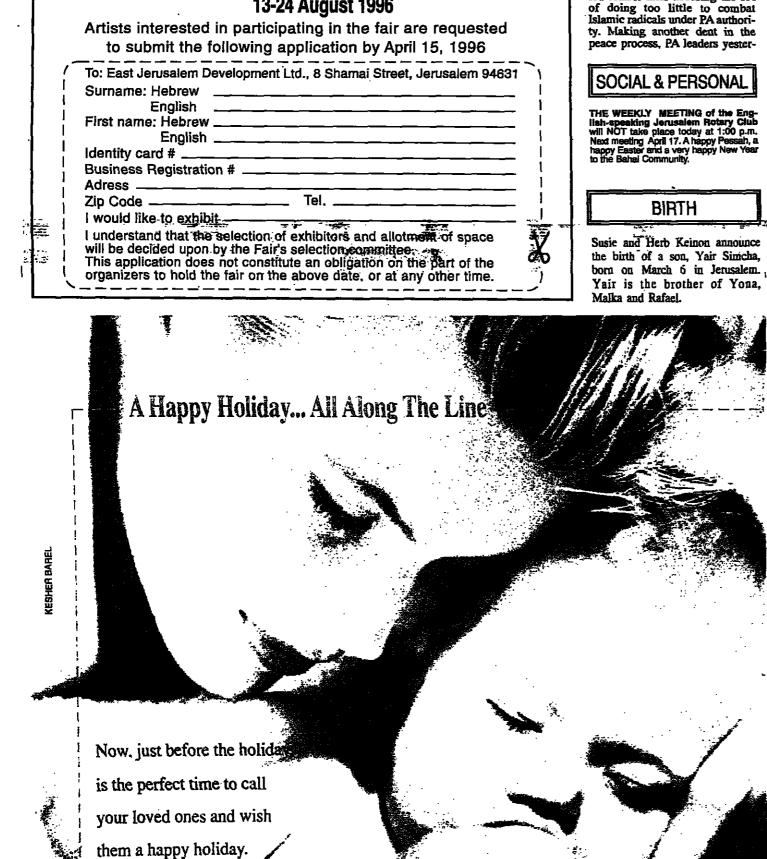
Within the Likud, the official line is that issues of 14 years ago

are irrelevant now, and that the showdown for the premiership is between Netanyahu and Peres. not between Sharon and Begin... But be that as it may, this is an issue loaded with mud and it will be slung. The most immediate target will be Sharon, and what is slung at him will per force stick tothe entire party. This is all the more so because Sharon emerged as so powerful a figure in the recent primaries, and because he, had amassed so many points in his favor by bringing about the reconciliation that resulted in the Likud-Tsomet-Gesher alignment. The left will cheerfully point to Sharon's prominence in the Likud and declare that he is Netanyahu's candidate for a top ministerial office, perhaps even for the defense portfolio. The allegations against him, it will be claimed. make him unfit for a senior government position. It is with such an argument in mind that Meretz's. Ran Cohen renewed his demand vesterday for an inquiry commission into Sharon's veracity during the Lebanon War. While all this

Likud leaders warned yesterday that Labor had better beware before it makes the past an issue in the 1996 campaign. If 1982 is relevant, then the Likud will revive history as well, and will resort to Rabin's comments about Peres, to the fact that Peres is the sole surviving member of the failing Labor government from the You Kippur War still in office, and to the Histadrut corruption scandals. If this happens, the campaign ahead may prove even more volatile than had hitherto been

may lead nowhere, the Likud does not now need to be put on the

defensive and to allow Labor to deal with issues other than current



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# NEWS IN BRIEF

Settlements get development funds

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday authorized the transfer of some NIS 20 million to settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza and the Golan Heights for development and agricultural projects. The Golan Heights settlements were allocated NIS 5m; Judea and Samaria NIS 5.5m; Gush Katif and Har Hevron, NIS 4.5m.; and the Jordan Valley settlements, NIS 5m.

The funds will be forwarded via the Jewish Agency. The committee also decided to transfer NIS 26m. to the Druse sector.

AACI asks for Pollard's release

The Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI) yesterday asked President Clinton to pardon Jonathan Pollard, serving a life term in the US for spying for Israel.

Two AACI representatives handed a written request to officials at the US Consulate in Jerusalem. Consulate officials said they would relay the document to the State Department and the White House. Pollard was granted Israeli citizenship earlier this year.

Victim of helicopter crash buried
Cpl. Doron Ezra, 20, of Rishon Lezion, was buried in the Rishon Lezion cemetery yesterday. Ezra was killed on Sunday when the IDF helicopter he was in suddenly crashed, killing seven soldiers and injuring two. Ezra's grave is next to that of Cpt. Ofer Schwartz, who also died in the crash and was buried Monday.

Robbers strike at bank in Arab village Police were still searching last night for three robbers who burst into the office of the Mercantile Bank in Kafr Kanna, near

Nazareth, and stole NIS 600,000 in cash yesterday. The masked raiders fired several shots in the air before taking the money and then escaping in a car stolen from a bank employee. Roadblocks were set up in the area. The getaway car was later found abandoned nearby.

# IDF, SLA troops on full alert as zone fighting continues

**DAVID RUDGE** 

IDF and South Lebanese Army troops are remaining on full alert along the northern border and in the security zone for the duration of the Pessah holiday, following continued fighting in south Lebanon yesterday.

Gunmen fired Sagger anti-tank missiles, mortars and RPG's at an SLA position in the Jezzine enclave north of the zone yester-

day morning.

This followed shooting at another SLA outpost in the Ali Tahr hill range, in the zone's eastern sector on Monday night and a roadside bomb attack against SLA troops in the Jezzine area earlier the same day.

There were no casualties in any of the incidents and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

The northern border has been re atively calm since Hizbullah's Katyusha rocket attacks on the Galilee late Saturday night in retaliation for the deaths of two

Lebanese civilians by IDF tank fire. Prime Minister Shimon Peres has expressed the belief that the border will remain quiet, at least over the Pessah holiday, following the intervention of the US and because of the scheduled visit to

# Building work halted on Har Homa neighorhood

INFRASTRUCTURE work on the Har Homa neighborhood in southeastern Jerusalem was halted by police yesterday, after the illegal activity was discovered by

Peace Now activists. A court order issued earlier this week forbade work to begin on the controversial project - a new Jewish neighborhood at a site annexed to Jerusalem after the Six Day War - at least until May

The District Planning Committee is supposed to hold new hearings on the project before that date. The Peace Nowaffiliated Ir Shalem group and Arab and Jewish owners whose

THE Supreme Court yesterday ordered the party registrar to reexamine his decision to permit Dr.

Ahmed Tibi's Arab Movement for Change Party

to participate in the upcoming elections, citing a

conflict of interest between Tibi's role as an

adviser to Palestinian Authority President Yasser

Justices Yitzhak Zamir, Mishael Cheshin and

Zvi Tal ruled that the registrar should reexamine

documents supplied by petitioner Meron

Isaacson against Tibi's party, in light of new documents that had been submitted. These

include those from the Palestinian Authority

Finance Ministry ordering the transfer of money

to funds Tibi supposedly heads, and which are

involved in the purchase of land in eastern

Arafat and his running for Knesset.

lands were expropriated for the neighborhood petitioned the court to make the committee review the

Mossi Raz, director of Ir Shalem, visited the site Monday afternoon in menaration for a tour by Meretz MKs there yesterday, and discovered the work. He said he filed a complaint with police, who then came to the scene and ordered the work halted.

"I am not positive who is behind it, but the whole thing really stinks," Raz said. "I can't imagine in the [Jerusalem] Municipality or Housing Ministry

Court orders party registrar to reconsider

allowing Tibi's list to run in elections

Green Line.

held Monday.

would give permission for work to begin in violation of a court

The city spokesman said the workmen at the site were not connected with the municipality. The ministry spokesman also denied any connection with the work. Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, meanwhile, yesterday charged that the Palestinian Authority had begun using an unfinished sewage line in Bethlehem whose run-off was polluting a wide area of southern Jerusalem.

Olmert, in a letter to Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, warned that the sewage could hurt the area water supply.

Jerusalem and support of Arab parties within the

The court asked the registrar to submit a new

A spokesman for Tibi said his party's represen-

tatives were "surprised when they were shown

new documents not presented to them before the hearing." He added that the new documents con-stitute "old material which has been published in

the Israeli press several times before. It has been

proven to be forged, as it contains spelling errors

and forged signatures." He added that all the rel-

evant Palestinian bodies had dissociated them-

selves from the documents.

opinion on the matter at a second hearing to be

# Mordechai named to head Likud campaign headquarters

POLITICAL novice - Mai.-Gen. (res.) Yitzhak Mordechai was vesterday put in charge of the Likud campaign headquaiters, in a move eared towards reaping the benefits of his popularity, proved when he finished first in last week's Likud Knesset primaries.

Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday rejected criticism that Mordechai was too new to the political scene to be much good at running a campaign. "The energy and enthusiasm he brings will more than make up for lack of political experience. Besides he will not be alone but will be accompanied by seasoned campaigners," he said.

But the man who came in second in the primaries - directly after Mordechai - MK Ariel Sharon, got no particular assignment in the campaign team. He will take part in the steering com-mittee which will operate along-side Mordechai and which will

draw up the campaign policy.

This committee will be headed by Netanyahu and, apart from Mordechai and Sharon, will also include Sharon's nemesis MK Ze'ev (Benny) Begin, Jerusalem

Mayor Ehud Olmert, Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan, Gesher leader David Levy, and MKs Dan Meridor and Moshe Katsav, as well as former defense minister Moshe Arens.

Levy will head a personal campaign headquarters and will be expected to tour the country and, in particular, campaign in development towns.

Olmert will head the campaign responses team, while Meridor was put in charge of a strategy team which will "produce policy guidelines for the new govern-ment," according to his job description. Arens was put in charge of a team on economic issues and MK Limor Livnat will head the information drive. Eitan will head a special campaign geared to immigrants from the former USSR. Campaign organization has been entrusted to Reuven Rivlin and the actual election day effort to MK Uzi Landau. MK Eliahu Ben-Elissar will chair the committee entrusted with producing a new platform, while MK Tzahi Hanegbi will represent the Likud in the central elections

# Lebanon on Thursday by French President Jacques Chirac to The French President is due to meet with Lebanese leaders and is also scheduled to visit UNIFIL's headquarters in Nakoura, inside the security zone, on Friday. Nevertheless, the security zone continues to be a likely target for attacks by gunnen including Hizbullah, which has vowed that the rocket attacks on the Galilee were not its final word in terms of retaliation for the deaths of the Lebanese civilians near Yatar village, north of the zone, on Saturday afternoon. **CELLULAR PHONES** Rental/Sales 6 shekels/day monthly rate 950 shekels/day daily rate <u>ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ</u>

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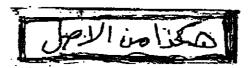
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# Russians shell Chechen rebels

GEKHI, Russia (Reuter) -Russian forces said yesterday that they were sticking to President Boris Yeltsin's plan to end their offensive in Chechnya but ruled out an early troop withdrawal as they shelled rebei strongholds.

The sound of artillery fire came from Orekhovo and Bamut in the foothills of southwest Chechnya. People in nearby Gekhi said the Russians had also used planes and helicopters against rebels holed up in the two villages.

Refugees were reported to be fleeing other villages in the south-east after the Russians were said to have attacked them with multiple-launch "Grad" rockets.

Yeltsin, running for a second term in Russia's June 16 presidential election, ordered a halt on Sunday to almost 16 months of "military operations," and said a stage-by-stage withdrawal of troops from stable regions of Chechnya was beginning.
But, aware that the rebels were

unlikely to give up their fight for independence, he promised to hit back hard against "terrorist

On Monday a spokesman for rebel leader Dzhokhar Dudayev dismissed the plan as a pre-elec-tion stunt, and the head of Russian land forces in Chechnya told Itar-Tass news agency that troops could not be withdrawn vet.

"The withdrawal of military units from remote regions of Chechnya to its administrative border and beyond is scheduled to start no earlier than the end of April," the agency said, quoting the commander, Vladimir Semyonov. About 80 percent of the forces would eventually be pulled out but some interior and defense ministry troops would remain behind in Grozny, he

Interfax news agency quoted Russian forces as saving mere had been no active military operations in Chechnya overnight but that rebels had attacked their cneckpoints in Grozny eight times.



Russian President Boris Yeltsin and Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko drink a traditional toast of vodka yesterday to mark the signing of their treaty, which establishes a Community of Sovereign Republics.

# Russia, Belarus sign pact forming new union

RUSSIA and Belarus, taking a fast track towards integration, signed a wide-ranging treaty yesterday, creating a tight-knit comwithin Con.monwealth of Independent

States (CIS). More than four years after the break-up of the Soviet Union, presidents Boris Yeltsin and Alexander Lukashenko took one of the biggest steps yet towards picking up the pieces by forming Community of Sovereign Republics (CSR).

The treaty, signed at a lavish ceremony in the Kremlin's St. George's Hall, may strike a chord with many Russians nostalgic for the past and disenchanted with reforms that have led to widespread hardship and an explosion in crime and corruption.

Yeltsin certainly hopes it will. He is facing a strong challenge from Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov in a June 16 presidential election, and a major plank of his rival's platform is voluntary restoration of the Soviet Union.

At the stroke of a pen, Yeltsin and Lukashenko established a new layer of supra-national bodies to steer their two countries towards monetary union and a common market, coordinated foreign policy and cooperation in defense and crime-fighting.

An historic moment has arrived in relations between the Russian Federation and Belarus,7 Yeltsin said before the signing, which was shown live on Russian television. The agreement was blessed by Russian Orthodox Patriarch Aleksiy II.

This document opens a qualitatively new stage in the history of our two brotherly peoples," Yeltsin said before joining in celebrations in the Kremlin's Cathedral Square. The two leaders later toasted the deal with vodka

The CSR, whose Russian acronym SSR is only one letter short of a now-defunct superpower, is the latest mini-alliance to spring from the 12-member CIS, which has failed to bring about significant integration despite numerous accords.

Yeltsin and Lukashenko made clear that their pact would neither undermine their countries' sovereignty nor weaken the CIS a loose grouping compared by one Russian newspaper to a "matryoshka" doll with smaller

Russian nationalist Sergei Baburin said the only thing he disapproved of in the treaty was the lack of the word "union.

"All these communities and commonwealths are like a civil marriage, not one blessed by God," he told reporters.

The creation of the CSR, which is open to other states, followed a four-nation cooperation accord signed last Friday between Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

The agreement between Russia, with its population of 150 million, and Belarus, which has 10 million citizens, calls for alignment of their monetary and budget systems and creation of conditions for introducing a common curren-

### Perry says US to sell Don't miss 21 F-16 fighters to Egypt "Real Estate Opportunities" "Without question, the security Mubarak and will also meet

CAIRO (Reuter) - The United States will sell 21 new F-16 fighter jets to Egypt to bolster the force of a key player in Middle East peace, US defense Secretary William Perry said yesterday. Perry, speaking to reporters

aboard his aircraft en route from Albania to Cairo for high-level talks, said he would discuss a sale be an additional 21 F-16s." He did not put a price on the jets, built by Lockheed Martin Corp., but said Egypt would pay for them with part of the \$1.3 billion in military aid which Washington will give to

LOS ANGELES (Reuter) - Two

suspected illegal immigrant

smugglers were clubbed repeated-

ly by police on Monday following

a high-speed freeway chase that started near the US-Mexico bor-

The incident, captured on videotape by a TV news heli-

copter hovering overhead, showed one officer delivering at

least six blows with a night-stick

to one suspect even after the man

was lying face down on the

second suspect, a woman, by the

hair, pulling her from the cab of

the pickup and beating her with

his night-stick as reinforcements

arrived to handcuff the pair, who

appeared to offer no resistance.

At least one other officer struck

the woman, the TV images

deputies' action came after a bat-

tered, rusty pickup, crammed with

at least 20 men and women, was

pursued by several police cars at

speeds approaching 160 kph along a major southern California

The two deputies involved in

the beatings were suspended from

PARIS (AP) - Twenty-eight per-cent of the French agree with poli-

cies championed by the far-right

National Front, though 71 percent

consider the party a danger to democracy, a poll revealed yester-

The National Front's influence

has jumped nine percentage points since January 1994, when

19 percent of those questioned

said they agreed with the ideas of

The Riverside County sheriff's

The officer then grabbed the

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freeway.

relationship with Egypt is very important," said Perry. "It is one of the keys to the security and stability in the Middle East."

Egypt already has 160 F-16s in its air force, and the sale is part of Washington's continuing effort to support moderate Arab states in January that the United States would provide 16 F-16s to Jordan, the only other Arab state besides Egypt that has made peace with

active duty and placed on "administrative leave," pending the out-

come of an investigation, sheriff's

department officials said. Their

off bloody riots in Los Angeles.

Justice Department and the

Immigration and Naturalization

Service for a full-scale inquiry

into the use of force, the baton

swinging and the beating of peo-

ple," said Luke Williams, execu-

tive director of the Los Angeles

Coalition for Humane Immigrant

spokesman Mark Lohman said the action would be investigated.

Citing an "outcry from the pub-lic" about the videotaped beat-

ings, Lohman told reporters:
"We're very embarrassed and we

are seriously concerned about the

flooded with calls from people

The poll, conducted by the

Sofres research institute and pub-

lished by the Le Monde, ques-

tioned 1,000 people between

Forty-six percent of the French

believe the National Front has

gained ground since conservative

Jacques Chirac became president

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Defense Minister Mohammed Hussein Tantawi.

The defense secretary told reporters he would discuss a wide range of issues, including terrorism and what he termed Libya's chemical weapons program. "Our assessment is they have a very ve. large prog chemical weapons. It is a program which is being expanded today," he said, when asked about reports that a large underground chemical weapons complex was being built near Tripoli.

G7 charts new course on jobs, sees no miracle

cure

LILLE. France (Reuter) - The Group of Seven leading industrial Local civil rights leaders said nations said yesterday that ecothe incident evoked memories of nomic growth was crucial to the 1991 videotaped beating of black motorist Rodney King by reduce unemployment, but structural reforms and better core labor four white Los Angeles police officers. The officers' acquittals standards were also necessary. on state charges in 1992 touched

Economy and labor ministers agreed after a two-day conference that there was no universal cure for the G7's 22 million jobless. and tried to chart a new course between Anglo-Saxon free-marketeers and more interventionist Europeans.

French President Jacques Chirac had called the meeting of G7 nations the United States, Canada, Britain, Italy, Germany, Japan and France to help beat unemployment in face of technological change and global trade liberalization.

"Strong growth will undoubtedly help to reduce unemployment. But much will still remain to be done to address the structural problems which impede job creation and income growth," said final statement by the French hosts in the city of Lille.

Ministers urged better core labor standards worldwide, called for a study of their ties to international trade, and reaffirmed their commitment to pursuing open trading policies.

"To that end, we call on trade ministers to maintain the momentum of trade liberalization through the World Trade Organization (WTO) at the WTO ministerial conference in Singapore in

December. "We also note the importance of enhancing core labor standards around the world, and examining the link between these standards

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# EU Commission proposes moves to ease beef crisis

LUXEMBOURG (Reuter) -European Farm Commissioner Franz Fischler proposed two measures yesterday to ease a consamer crisis sparked by mad cow disease-tainted British beef.

Britain, forced into a prospect of killing millions of its cattle in order to win back frightened cus-tomers, has turned to the European Union for help, promised at a Turin summit last week. Pressured by EU farm minis-

ters, Fischler offered to buy 50,000 tons of EU beef this month to support the mad cowstricken market. He also offered to suspend tem-

porarily a ceiling on carcass weight as one of a series of mea-

day of emergency talks, were studying to stamp out a crisis that

studying to stamp out a class that has crippled beef markets in Bruain and elsewhere in the EU.

"It will be a temporary derogation for April only," a commission spokesman said, adding that the commission would study the effect. on prices of the beef intervention buying before deciding whether to extend it beyond this month. The proposed rule change head-ed an array of measures in a draft

plan to shore up a badly-shaken beef market, eradicating bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and persuading consumers that it will no longer be allowed to seep into the human food chain.

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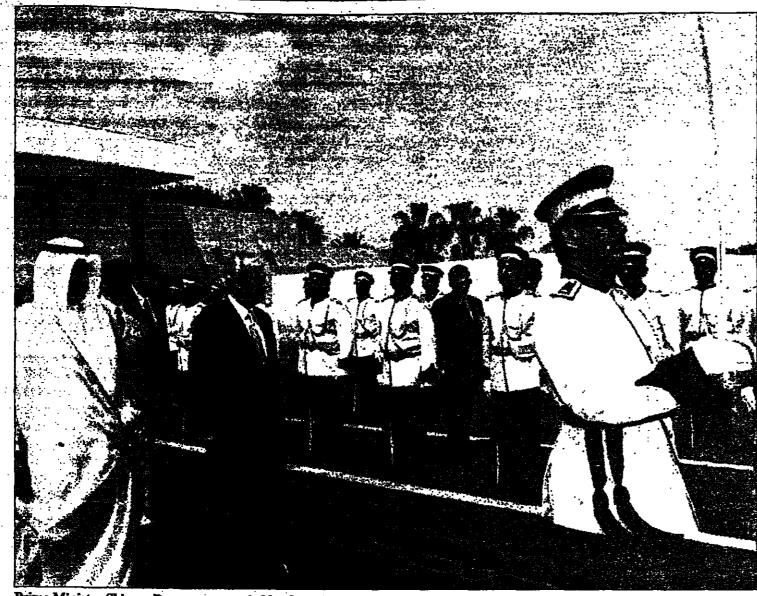
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Prime Minister Shimon Peres, accompanied by Qatar Deputy Prime Minister Sheik Abdullah bin Khalifa al-Thani (left), reviews an honor guard during his visit to Qatar yesterday.

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# Israel, Oman to post trade delegations

DAVID MAKOVSKY DOHA, Qatar

OMAN will open a trade delegation in Ramat Gan in the next several weeks, Israeli officials said at the end of Prime Minister Shimon Peres's visit to that state. --

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Israeli diplomat Oded Ben-Haim, who works in the Foreign Ministry's economic division, will be posted to head Israel's trade office in the Omani capital of Muscat in the next few weeks, the officials also said. They added

operate as a de facto diplomatic mission

Speaking to reporters on the plane from Oman to Oatar, Peres said he raised the fate of downed navigator Ron Arad with Omani Sultan Qahoos Bin Said al-Said at a dinner that the Omanis held Monday night. Though he said he was hesitant to discuss any Iranrelated matters due to Omani sensitivities, Peres said he decided to raise the issue given the good ties that Israel's trade delegation will that exist between Omaa and Iran

In last night's weekly Payls Hazak drawing, the holder of ticket number 265669 won NIS 1 million, while tick t number 700165 was good for a new car. Those holding tickets 109007, 522564, 138052, 581511, 355376, 365244, 140845, and 497151 all won NIS 5,000, while tickets ending in 74799, 69205, 37314, 57633, 32403, 21602, 22009, 30437, 47580, 91580, 76132, 72569, 48230, 31576, 00254, 20340 36354, 00797 and 01451 were good for NIS 1,000. Those holding tickets ending in 892, 047 456 and 609 won NIS 100, while tickets ending in 66,

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# OATAR (Continued from Page 1)

rector-General David Brodet

Officials say one likely joint venture is the linking of the petro-chemical industries of both states. Israeli officials said they were surprised by the eagerness of the Qatari officials to quickly exchange business delegations, and proceed with cooperation.

There was no movement on a proposed natural gas deal involving Qatar and the American energy company Enron. Israeli officials insist that a gas deal will go ahead with Qatar, although it remains far from certain that Enron will be the company to facilitate due to price concerns.

Israel's needs within a decade are put at eight million tons of natural gas, and it hopes to obtain about a quarter of that amount from Egypt via a \$600 million pipeline to be established along the Mediterranean coast.

Peres's visit was very prominently featured, along with his picture, on the front of all the Qatari newspapers.

Before leaving, Peres received a gift from his Qatari hosts: a large gold sword with an ivory handle. He also toured Doha and

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be different from the government's statement and other things presented in public. He told the late Menachem Begin of this imaginary contradiction and [Menachem] Begin said, 'If that's the case, it's not right.' From this Benny Begin concludes that I misled Menachem Begin. You should note in particular that Benny Begin has not said that he heard from his father that I misled him and the conclusion [that I did] is Benny Begin's conclusion."

Sharon said the claim that he had misled Menachem Begin had not arisen before the lecture in 1987. He said he trusted the court would discover the truth.

MK Ze'ev (Benny) Begin refused to discuss the case with reporters and would only say: "I did my best to avoid the need to present a deposition, but like any citizen I have to fully comply with a court order."

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# Assad defends Hizbullah attacks

Assad defended Lebanese resistance against Israel and accused Israel of escalating the situation in

Speaking at a joint news conference with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak after talks in Damascus yesterday, Assad said Israel was not abiding by an agreement with Hizbullah to stop shelling civilian targets.

But the Syrian leader said in response to a question on whether Syria had tried to persuade Hizbullah to stop shelling northern Israel that it had stopped shelling.

"Yesterday and the day before things looked more quiet from the Lebanese side while from the Israeli side it was more noisy and more provocative to the Lebanese in the south and outside the south."

Hizbullah gunmen fired Katyusha rockets into northern Israel overnight on Saturday in response to Israeli shelling that killed two Lebanese civilians. Israel and Hizbullah have an unwritten agreement

DAMASCUS (Reuter) - Syrian President Hafez not to harm civilians, with the implied threat that when one side does, retaliation may follow against non-combatants on the other side.

Israei went into a flurry of diplomatic activity on Saturday after two young Lebanese men were killed in what it called a mistake.

"It is difficult for a person, regardless of whether he is an Arab or not, to say to the one who is defending his land that he is wrong or to say that he is a terrorist and demand others condemn this person because he is practicing what they claim is terrorism," Assad said.

Assad's spokesman, Joubran Kourieh, said the talks between Mubarak and Assad covered south Lebanon, the suspended Syrian-Israeli peace talks, and reports of a possible leak from the Dimona nuclear reactor.

Asked how the Syrian-Israeli negotiations could be reactivated. Assad said Israel was responsible for their suspension. He said chances for peace were getting increasingly dim, but that the door for a settlement was not closed.

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and Yihye Al-Ghoul, another senior Kassam member, Dahatan said.

Dahalan said his force's interrogation of Hamas detainees has revealed that a Hamas splinter group has been carrying out terror attacks independently of Izzadin Kassam since September 1993, just after the Olso Accords were signed.

The group is called El Jihaz Al-Sira, or "The Secret Underground," and is controlled by Hamas officials outside of the Palestinian and administered territories, Dahalan said. He said 70

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members of the underground have been detained in recent

"This group is very dangerous." Dahalan said, adding that in addition to the arrests, weapons and explosives caches belonging to the underground have been uncovered in the PA crackdown.

The Palestinian security chief strongly denied reports he was holding secret talks with Dief before the recent wave of suicide attacks, in hopes of reaching an agreement between Izzadin Kas-

"These reports were spread by someone. I was not meeting with Dief. I only met with his deputy. Abdal Satiereh, who we have since arrested," said Dahalan, who vowed that Dief would be also be detained soon.

Dief, according to Dahalan, has not fled the area and is likely hiding out in Gaza or the

As proof he is not close to Dief, Dahalan presented the Izzadin Kassam leaflet released vesterday threatening not only renewed attacks in Israel, but also attempts on the lives of Dahalan himself and other PA security officers.

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tradition of Middle Eastern Jews. The deadline for burning hametz is 11:23 for Ashkenazim and 10:51 for those from Middle Eastera communities.

Yesterday Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron and Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau officially sold all hametz belonging to the government and public institutions to a non-Jew, Faisal Abu Saud, from the Jerusalem neighborhood of Atarot. According to the accepted usage, at the end of the holiday Abu Saud is to communicate his inability to complete the purchase and it will be declared invalid.

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# Mocking the people's will

ITH his usual candor, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid has voiced the most cogent criticism of Prime Minister Shimon Peres's proposal to hold a referendum on the final status agreement with the Palestinians. On learning of Peres's "bombshell" on Monday, Sarid said, "It is now Pessah eve, but the election campaign is beginning to look like Purim. Suddenly, the settlements have disappeared from the Likud's campaign, and peace from Labor's. Again, for the umpteenth time. Meretz is the only party without a mask, telling the public the truth: peace, separation, a Palestinian state, security and good neighborly relations."

Whether the public will buy the Meretz "truth" as a viable solution is beside the point. The fact is that Sarid's criticism is painfully accurate: both major parties are obviously trying to acquire votes by obscuring their true intentions to the point of dishonesty. The election campaign is evolving into an exercise which has almost nothing to do with platforms, beliefs and ideals, and everything to do with a raw contest for power.

In this sense, the campaign is becoming more 'American' than ever. The candidates adjust their speeches to what opinion polls tell them the public wants to hear. They conceal what they really intend to do, making ambiguous pronouncements designed to appeal to "floating" voters who have no deep commitment to either party. That is why there is a startling,

almost amusing reversal of roles in their cam-paigning: the Likud is stressing peace, while Labor is touting security.

In this context, Peres's referendum gimmick seems particularly clever: it assures the wavering voters that their vote for Labor would not really be final. If they don't like the results, they will have a second chance. It seems like an offer one cannot refuse. The only trouble with it, as one prominent commentator has remarked, is that it insults the voter's intelligence.

Failing to define Labor's intentions is asking for a carte blanche for concessions the electorare would have rejected had they been spelled out. Specifically, this means an agreement to the establishment of a Palestinian state with part of Jerusalem as its capital - something even many devout Labor voters oppose.

Peres must know that once the negotiations are completed and the advent of a Palestinian state is cheered by the whole world community, the chances of a majority of the population voting against it in a referendum are slim. To imply that under such circumstances the people can truly make the final decision is dishonest and misleading.

Modern democracies have generally shunned referendums, using them sparingly for specific issues which do not justify calling an election. But now that an election has been called, to devalue it by promising a "correction option" through a referendum is to mock the most fundamental expression of the people's will.

# False dawn in Chechnya

RESIDENT Boris Yeltsin's halting of combat operations in Chechnya would be welcome if it contained any possibility of ending the conflict in the rebel Russian province. It doesn't. The most Yeltsin can hope to gain is a badly needed few points in opinion polls for his presidential campaign. The onesided attempt to end hostilities is unlikely to make much of an impression on Chechens.

Yeltsin sent Russian forces into Chechnya in what its people bitterly recall as "Moscow's Merry Christmas" offensive in 1994. After the killing of at least 30,000 people and the creation of half a million refugees, the spirit of Chechen resistance is no closer to being broken than Russia is to being able to claim victory. In fact, the entire Chechen operation has been a hamfisted disaster almost from day one. Most of Yeltsin's Western allies accepted his argument that the Chechen bid for independence was a rebellion led by bandits and no more acceptable than would be an illegal secession by an American state. Washington and Europe assumed that the Russians would use efficient force in defense of the constitution, only to reimpose order as swiftly as possible.

What the world watched instead was a brutal and bloody invasion, carried out with total disregard for civilian casualties. As the capital of Grozny was systematically reduced to rubble, the image of the Chechens changed from that of disorganized bandits to heroic resisters of Soviet-style oppression. No one questioned

the legality of Russia's desire to keep Chechnya in the federation, but it has been clear from the start that Moscow's generals and politicians have no idea of how they are supposed to do it.

Yeltsin's announcement of the "end of combat operations" followed several days of scorched-earth offensives across the province to force the rebel fighters back to the mountains and to intimidate local towns and villages into denying them support. The caveat in Yeltsin's cease-fire was that Russian forces would continue to battle "terrorists" - i.e. the rebels.

Yeltsin may have offered indirect talks with Dzhokhar Dudayev's rebels and a withdrawal from areas that remain peaceful, but Dudayev is unlikely to fall for a transparent effort to concoct a false calm for Russian electioneering purposes. He has never budged from his policy of refusing to lay down arms without a climbdown in Moscow on the issue of independence. Yeltsin's latest offer of a large measure of autonomy is unlikely to impress the rebels.

There are no simple answers to untangling the mess Russia has created for itself in Chechnya. Chechnya has a long history of despising Russia and a reputation for the ferocity of its fighters, which their resistance over the last 15 months has done little to dim. The worst of Yeltsin's new plan is that it is no plan at all merely electoral window dressing. Even its forlorn hope of creating some islands of peace in

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# Price for a quiet holiday

Secretary of State Warren Christopher told Prime Minister Shimon Peres over the weekend he had reason to believe Hizbullah would not fire Katyushas on the Galilee. This did not commit Hizbullah, who on Saturday night let off a barrage of rockets and announced that the residents of the North would have to spend three nights in the shelters.

One hopes diplomatic activity will allow people in the North to celebrate Seder night in their homes, and this is a positive development. On the other hand, Hizbullah has achieved its purpose: it has proved its claims to the Syrians that its military initiatives strengthen Syria's position vis-a-vis the Americans. At Israel's request, the US shelved the Maryland talks until after the Knesset elections. Hizbullah has succeeded, where Damascus failed, in renewing talks with Washington. Christopher hurriedly phoned the Syrian foreign minister asking him to use his influence on Hizbullah to stop the Katyushas. We do not yet know what price the US will have to pay Syria for this "persuasion."

Israel's dependency on the American secretary of state and the French president as intermediaries to restore quiet to the north-. ern border has strengthened Hizbullah's position. For Hizbullah, it is better for Syria to come to the negotiating table in a position of supremacy in South Lebanon, with Israel as the one begging for a cease-fire and not the Lebanese government, as happened at the end of Operation Accountability.

In the 1970s, when there were dorder, one of the Arad general noted he had no illusions: these attacks would not destroy Israel or bring about the liberation of the occupied territories. Nevertheless, he justified terrorism on the grounds that it demoralized Israel's population and damaged Israeli tourism. In view of this, he did not see a need for daily terrorMOSHE ZAK

ist operations; it was sufficient to send occasional warnings to ensure the existence of a continu-

This is Hizbullah's present policy, as shown by its repeatedly emphasizing that the account for the death of Lebanese citizens last Saturday has not yet been closed. As if that was not enough, it has added to the account a Lebanese

Hizbullah has found Israel's weak points, and will certainly exploit them

child who was killed in the air force bombing on Sunday. It keeps its finger on the trigger, to keep the residents of the North under pressure.

IF WE had been guaranteed a total cease-fire in the North, then perhaps there would be some reason to commend the gamble of indicommunication with Hizbullah via the twisted route of American mediation in Damascus and French mediation in Beitut, ...

But the Syrian and Lebanese governments are not ready to premise that the fundamentalist organization will stop its terrorist activity against the IDF and the SLA in the security zone. On the contrary, they express public support of its efforts toward the liberation of Lebanese territory. The agreement reached this

week with the US does not apply numerous terror attacks on Israel's to the security zone. It only of the zone and Israeli settlements to the south. Israel undertook not to harm Lebanese citizens, and Syria committed itself that no Katyushas would be fired on the Galilee. But IDF and SLA soldiers will have to face the consequences of booby traps and missiles fired at them from the Lebanese villages north of the security zone, without being able to make an

The dilemma facing the govern-ment is whether the IDF's endurance, and that of its Lebanese allies, will enable a protracted period of restraint until after the holidays and the Knesset elections. The government wants to pass these two dates without a border conflagration. This is the reason for the Big Dipper ride of mediation this week, which took place without an evaluation of the possible implications for the period after the elections. Hizbullah has drawn its own conclusions. It has found israel's weak points. and it will certainly exploit them regardless of the unclear agreements between Syria and the US, and without paying any attention to the date of elections in Israel.

From Israel's viewpoint, the government was right to admit the mistake that caused the death of two Lebanese citizens. But the Arab view is totally different. They interpreted it as an apology which ignored Hizbullah's provecation that originally caused the return fire on the village of Yattar.

The same applies to the request

for President Chirae's involvement. It is possible that this was the best channel to the Lebanese government. But Hizbuilah leaders could find encouragement in France's involvement, as Paris supports Syria's position on the renewal of the Madrid conference, and defends from the charge of responsibility for terrorism. Although Israel and the US oppose these French policies, when at a loss for a way to prevent a Hizbullah attack on the Galilee. Israel rushed to involve France unnecessarily. Hizbuilah can now pat itself on the back in Tehran

Everything possible should be done to prevent a flare-up in the North, but with discernment, without losing control, and without panic.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on public affairs.

# Just normal

LEA FUCHS CHAYEN

was March 1945, a few days

after Purin. In a group, we women prisoners of the Nazis were being dragged around Germany on foot and in cattle trucks, under constant bombing. Finally we ended up in Porta, in north-west Germany. Our small camp overlooked the sleepy village. Some miles away, deep in the bowels of a hill, the Germans had built a factory for radio-clectric equipment with machinery stolen from Philips in Holland. Here we were supposed to work, although there were no raw male-

For a month we had hardly any food. We drank melted snow. We were fading fast, but had one piece of fantastic luck: The camp commander in Porta was a pilot, recovering from war injuries. He

He would count us twice a day. but there were no long parades or beatings. He would watch us assemble in rows from his window, come out, count us, and that was that.

Yet things were grim. We tried to clean ourselves with snow. Our food got less and worse. Some of us would crawl out at night to bunt for vegetable peelings in the

SS dustbins. On Passover eve, we went to the factory for the last time. For our main meal we were given thin sonp and a slice of bread. I decided not to eat the bread as long as I could go without it, and not have the soup either, at least for

the first day of Pessah. In the evening, back in camp. I told the girls that it was Seder night, and each of us battled with her thoughts. Then I went to the sick bay, where my friend Olly lay unconscious.

The doctor was permitted to allow a few friends to sit with a dying patient, and that night four of us, including the doctor, stayed with Olly. She was an only child, whose mother was in Budapest and had no idea of what had happened to her. She lind gone out to buy some food and been picked on by the SS.

AS WE sat there I started to recite what I could generate from the Haggada. The species proceed as the four mandatory could than Seder. The girls repeated after me This is the bread of affliction," but of course there was no matza.

"We were slaves of Pharaoh in the land of Egypt and the Almighty led us out to freedom."
We finished by whispering. "Next year in Jerusalem." It was a beautiful, crisp evening.

Three days later, on Shabbat morning, Olly died, and the commandant allowed a few friends to

In Birkenau we didn't cry. But in a fluxury camp on Pessah we buried our friend Olly and wept bitterly

# Listen to the words the region until the June election is unlikely to

# A HAMAS VIEW

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

their extremists and because the Pal-

improve the terms of the Oslo Ac-

the closure of the territories is in-

creasing the demand among Pales-

tinians even among some officials in

the Palestinian Authority for better

has to be modified to fulfill the

needs of both sides and the main

shortcoming of this accord, as I see

it, is that it is signed by only a small

part of the Palestinian people which

is a group within the PLO and has

excluded a great many Palestinians

represented by the "group of ten."

One could claim that the Palestin-

ians who singed the accord will rep-

resent the majority; this could be

true, but the majority opinion is only

considered in a democratic society

and since the Palestinian society is

not a democratic one. I think that the

Israelis have to negotiate with the

Palestinian opposition, which is rep-

by Hamas after the recent bombings

by the Israeli government was not a

wise decision because violence will

breed violence, not stop it. The Is-

raeli government is facing a differ-ence situation now and if it thinks

that Hamas and Jihad are like the

PLO and can be dealt with by force,

it is wrong, for one simple reason,

because those people are fighting to

die while the PLO was fighting to

The Islamic University of Gaza

DR. OSAMA JAMAL,

The rejection of the truce offered

resented by Hamas.

So, I think that the Oslo Accord

Sir. - When one looks at the history of the Middle East, it is obvious that this area of the world never enjoyed peace for a long period of time. It was either war, or truce (a short-term accord). Another look at the main religions and their teachings and prophecies will lead to the same conclusion that peace will never last in this area. If this is the case, then the Oslo Accord will never last. because from the Israeli point of view it cannot give security to the Jewish state (the last four suicide bombings reveal that the Oslo Accord cannot guarantee security), and from the Palestinian point of view, it cannot secure their minimum needs let alone the establishment of their independent state with Jerusalem as its capital.

The Israeli prime minister's predictions of prosperity for the Middle East in his recent book are not realistic and cannot be implemented in such an area with its background of fighting and killings and religious contradictions. It is also clear that, since the elections in Israel are approaching, both Labor and Likud will try to gain more votes; it was clear to everybody that the so-called "summit for peace-makers" was designed to help Prime Minister Shimon Peres in the upcoming elections, and the recent polls show that the summit was successful in this

The Oslo Accord opponents on both sides will never lay down their weapons, but I feel that they may agree to a truce to give this accord a chance, because the Israeli opposition said that they will continue the peace process if they came to power, but under better conditions for them, and that might satisfy the needs of

**NEW PARTY** Sir. - I read with interest Yosef

Goell's article on the coming elecestinian opposition is also trying to tions ("A frustrating choice for voters, March 22). When I came to his cord and in return they can agree on short paragraph on my party, Yisrael a truce (this was clear since, after the Ba'aliya, I was surprised that he was last four bombings. Hamas offered a not aware of the non-Russians who truce under certain conditions). Also were elected to the slate of candidates for our party list.

Zvi Henry Wienberg from North American was a professor before making aliya. And Daniel Galai from South America is a musicologist with great interest in the Yiddish language. Both these men were chosen by the Central Committee of Yisrael Ba'aliya to be on the list.

The party faces two major problems in getting out the message that it is a party for all Israelis. First the timing of the election has caught this new party a little flat-footed. The founding congress, selection of central committee, and choosing of candidates for our list all had to occur on the same day.

Secondly, under the new undemocratic campaign finance law, the parties with Knesset members receive millions of shekels from the Treasury. We get nothing. And we are limited in our fund-raising to NIS 1,000 per couple. This has meant that the party must spend its meager resources where it does the most good. Some English advertisements have been used. But mostly olim from Russia are signing up for the party in droves. Yisrael Ba'aliya is a party for all Israelis started by

PINCHAS RICHARD WIMBERLY, Member. Central Committee, Yisrael Ba'aliya

Yasser Arafat's emissaries doutside of Israel, particularly in the company of representatives of the 185 states of

isten to the words of

the United States. On March 19, 1996 in the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, PLO representative Nabil Ramlawi stated: "Israel is committing

genocide against Palestinians...Israel continues to torture Palestinians to this day as it has for the past 28 vears...Israel still engages...in war crimes...Israel's government is a terrorist government."

On March 21 in response to a direct call from Israel's Ambassador Yosef Lamdan to condemn recent bombings in Israel, Ramlawi refused, and said instead: "the international community distinguishes between terrorist acts and the right of peoples, even with force, to act against foreign occupation and to acquire inde-

On March 12 and again on March 22 in the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York, PLO representative Somaia Barghouti deplored the "degrading situa-tion in Palestine" and called for continued support of UN resolutions which denounce Israel. These attacks follow similar

outbursts during the General Assembly a few months ago. On November 29 last year, PLO Farouk representative Kaddoumi stated "the assassination of...Rabin was proof of the fact that terrorism has grown and developed...and been nurtured by Israel...The difficulties faced by the Middle East peace process stem from the racist A.F. BAYEFSKY

upbringing and repressive practices espoused...in Israel." After the Madrid conference, he continued, "hundreds of thousands of Palestinians...put olive branches in the muzzles of Israeli guns" and were met by "the policy of starving Palestinians. Entrenched in Israeli minds is the logic of force and the use of violence in

Why are PLO representatives permitted to contradict Arafat's ostensible policy of denouncing terrorist attacks in Israel?

imposing solutions...for the Middle East..." where "the Palestinian people still languish under Israeli occupation."

WHY ARE PLO representatives permitted to contradict Arafat's ostensible policy of denouncing terrorist attacks in Israel, within days of their utterance at Sharm e-Sheikh? Why are they permitted to carry on with unremitting enmity the hostile performances of past United Nations sessions

as if nothing had happened? The answer lies in considering the larger context in which these statements are made. The UN Human Rights Commission in which Ramlawi has just spoken is still in session. The issue has: arisen whether the commission

should be concerned about Palestinian human rights violations. Specifically the question now before the commission is: whether to extend the mandate of the special UN investigator created prior to Oslo, whose current mandate is to examine only Israeli human rights violations in the territories, to human rights violations by the Palestinian National Authority.

At precisely the same time in the same UN forum there is a concerted effort to seriously dilute the only current UN resolution condemning antisemitism as racism. This resolution was passed by the Commission of Human rights for the first time only two years ago, after a 26year hiatus since the UN last condemned antisemitism. Even at that time, 18 of the 52 participating states refused to vote in favor. At the Human Rights Commission today, the same actors who seek to prevent the applicability of universal human rights standards to Palestinian self-government, seek to delete references to antisemitism as a violation of human rights.

These simultaneous developments are no coincidence. The contradictions, the backtrack-ing, the overall attitude toward Israel displayed by the PLO on the international stage is no accident of history, no spontaneous eruption, no untimely overreaction. It is time to stop looking for excuses. The root causes, to use UN parlance, are clear. It is ignoring their implications for Yasser Arafat's agendance which would be the implications. da which would be the inexcusable mistake.

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bury her - a luxury. A cart was provided, and we began to drag it down the hill. We went through the village to the churchyard, a guard leading the way. The commandant was waiting near the chapel, where there was a grave

already dug.
We started burying Olly and, for the first time since leaving home, wept bitterly. It was so Strange - and yet not so.

In Birkenau, where we had lost ... our families and seen tens of ithousands murdered, we didn't cry. But this was the first and only time we were allowed to act normally and bury our dead, and so we did the normal thing: weep for a lovely 18-year-old girl.

As we sobbed and filled the

grave with earth, the commandant said quietly, "You will not be able to say that I wasn't decent to you." This made me realize that the end of the war was fast approaching, as was our own end. For I didn't believe they would leave

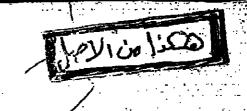
us alive to tell our story. I looked around at what was left of these young girls, and remembered that on the intermediate Sabbath of Passover, the portion read from the Prophets is from

All I could remember was "And He said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live?" and I answered 'O Lord God, thou knowest.'

I looked at those girls, mere-skin and bone, and I was sure none of us would live. We started back to camp, pushing and pulling the cart up the bill.

Exactly two weeks later, on Saturday April 14, by the grace of God, we were liberated by the US Аппу.

The writer lectures so young reople on the Holoxust.



# Ex-Serb POW finds peace in the Promised Land

David Mile left a 'crazy country called Yugoslavia, converted to Judaism and settled in Israel, Judith Sudilovsky writes

NE of two things can happen to a person when he. becomes a prisoner of war: either he breaks or he becomes strong like a tank. according to David Bujich Mile, who as a Serb in Croat territory was arrested in June 1992 while he was making pancakes for his

daughter.
Mile says he is the type who became a tank.

He says his spell in prison gave him an intense desire to make a better life for himself and his family after his release. That desire eventually led the Christian-born 43-year-old to make his way to Israel three years ago.

Together with a group of other Serbs, Mile, who had been an officer in the Yugoslav air force, had been charged with "armed rebellion" because of alleged political meetings he participated in. In fact, because his wife was a Croat, he had consciously decided not to take part in the civil war which broke out in Yugoslavia after the 1991 elections:

Mile is one of the lucky ones who spent only a few months in a prisoner of war camp before being released as part of a prisoner exchange. Still, he said, the experience affected him deeply and gave him the will to survive.

Although he was freed from prison, he had to stay in Serb territory and could not return home to his wife and child in Croat-contrelled Dubroynik.

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"I was beaten, maybe not so hard, but I was blindfolded and didn't know what to expect. They made primitive jokes about my

wife and threatened to kill her. They ordered us to sing Nazi songs from World War II and it is hard to sing those songs when you know it was those people who killed your grandfather," says Mile. His grandfather, he said, had been killed by pro-Nazi

After he was released, Mile, who is a trained mechanical engineer, made his way to Israel with only a borrowed suit of clothing and one dollar in his pocket. He has worked two and three jobs at a time since his arrival. Next month he plans to buy his first car and he is saving up to buy an apartment, possibly in Ashkelon.

For most of his life Mile was close to the Jewish community in Dubrovnik and during the war the Jewish community looked after his mother, wife and daughter. Later, through connections. Jewish friends were able to arrange a meeting between him and his wife once he was released. In addition, one of his closest friends and a witness at his wedding was a Jewish woman whom he calls his "second mother."

"I respect her. She said she wanted to help me not be a part of that crazy civil war. She said that in Israel I would have a chance," says Mile, sitting in his neat but spartan room at the immigrant hostel in Kiryat Gat. The late afternoon sun streams in through the solitary window, falling on his CD player sitting on his desk and the framed picture of his nineyear-old daughter Ana Marija. Documents and articles from his past are laid out in neat piles on



Mile: You don't have to forget what you were, but you need to think about how to organize your life for tomorrow.

come the demons which followed

him from his POW experience.

"I thought about what I can do to unite my family, to escape from that crazy situation. I saw children of mixed marriages turn against their fathers and I wanted to organize a life to save my family so that they could be with me," he

On January 26, 1993, Mile converted to Judaism. Even when he

had been arrested he says, his cable television company. first instinct was to have his wife

The best therapy is to work "call Israel" because of the help hard - 11, 12, 13 hours a day, I he saw the Jewish community had was tired as an animal. It was the received. Israel. he says, gave him best thing I could do. I was really good on the asphalt team," he says, laughing, "My hands may be When he arrived here he saw hard work as the only way to overblack with dirt but at least they are

not dirty with blood," Later Mile found work at a bakery and at a light-bulb factory in Beit Shemesh, And now, after

three years he has finally found a job as an engineer with Beit Shemesh Motors. "A lot of immigrants come with

their hands stretched out without any power inside themselves. worrying about what they were before. But here nobody is interested in what you were before. You don't have to forget what you

were, but you need to think about how to organize your life for

His family has come to visit him here, but they can't yet come to live here because his wife needs to take care of his mother, who is too sick to make the trip to Israel. Sometimes, he says, he does get lonely, especially when he had no one to celebrate his new job with. But he never has enough time to get really low because of all the hours he works.

Mile said he is aware that some people might accuse him of converting to Judaism just so he could take advantage of the Law of Return, but he doesn't see it that way. (Incidentally there is no other Yugoslav he is aware of, he says, who has similarly converted to Judaism and moved to Israel as he has done.)

He is part of Israel, he says, and is proud of his citizenship and proud of the fact that finally after two years of struggling with Hebrew, he is finally able to communicate fairly well in "our lan-

guage."
"I am Israeli. I have no other nationality. When people ask me where I am from I say Kiryat Gat. A long time ago I was part of a crazy country called Yugoslavia. but now I am Israeli," he says.

Mile is anything but a shy person and he says he learned Hebrew, after failing miserably in ulpan, on the streets simply by approaching people and telling them he was a new immigrant who wanted to practice his Hebrew.

"Sure there are things I don't like about it here but this country gave me a chance. I am a citizen of this country and I like the people," he says. "I feel good, I have a connection to the Jewish people. There are natural-born Jews who don't want to come to Israel, but I want to be in Israel where I will be

# Try to understand that message from your unconscious

RUTHIE BLUM

A man I was involved with long ago has begun appearing in my dreams frequently. I am a married woman and have not thought about this

man for a decade. The problem is that I feel a desperate need to Naturally, I have not discussed this with my husband, as I'm sure he would be hurt. Should I do a little investigating or should I let it go, and hope either to run into-

this man accidentally or to stop

dreaming about him? Dreamer in Distress Somewhere in Israel Dear Distressed Dreamer,

Before you decide whether to embark upon a search, you should examine the reason an old flame has been making nocturnal appearances. A recurring dream is a message from your unconscious which is trying to "get through." Something in your life is triggering similar emotions to those experienced by you in the past, perhaps during the time you were involved with this man.

If you can reach a better understanding of what he has come to symbolize, and what in your life is activating the dreams about him, your need to locate the actual person may fade away.

You might consider some kind of therapy to assist you. At least this is something you need not hide from your husband.

Dear Ruthie, I have been living on a kibbutz since my arrival in Israel.

Determined to fit in, I threw myself inso work and socializing. and learned Hebrew. It's been wonderful, but now I have been invited to become a member of

Suddenly, I am having difficulty deciding whether this is the life for me, or whether the fact that I viewed this last period as temporary allowed me to become so happily involved. I haven't tried living elsewhere in the country, yet doing so frightens me. The prospect of losing the niche I

ear Rustile + 2. have built for psyself here is also

Dear Musing, Certain kinds of commitments should be made wholeheartedly. Marriage is one; membership

on a kibbutz is another. True, neither marriage nor joining a kibbutz is irreversible. But, as in the case of the former, extricating oneself from the latter is a lot easier said than done. Your fear of leaving a welcoming environment is understandable.

But doubts about your motives for remaining should serve as a warning. If you don't give an alternative lifestyle a chance, you may end up viewing your newfound niche as a cramped corner.

Dear Ruthie. My 10-year-old wants to begin receiving an allowance. I have been against this as I believe it healthier for families to live in an atmosphere of give and take, rather than one of keeping score and counting pennies. It does no good when I explain this to my son, even when I point out that an allowance means having to decide what items we cease paying for After all, there is no point in having a budget if it is mean-

In a Cash Quandary Jerusalem

Dear in a Quandary, Your son's desire for an allowance is an expression of his demand for a certain kind of independence. Your fear that this form of parental assistance will alter the give-and-take atmosphere in your family is probably exaggerated. Rather than fighting him on this, why not give him the budget, and let him experience first-hand the true meaning of "counting pennies"? He may soon tire of having to exercise self-denial, in any case.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000

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# For six months he laid cables for a Singing Euro-MP combines politics and performances

HE first question people ask when they see Greek singer Nana Mouskouri in her other role as a member of the European Parliament is why is she wearing sunglasses instead of her famous blacked-rimmed specta-

The answer contains a clue to the lifestyle of a woman who has two full-time jobs, sings fluently in six languages, and owns 100 pairs of glasses.

"I try to wear the dark glasses in the morning because it's too early for me," she explains.

If mornings are difficult, it's because late nights are part of a schedule which can include a day of meetings at the parliament in Brussels and end with a frantic rush to another country or city to get to the concert hall on time.

"We are doing Germany at the moment," she says, wearing a brown pin-striped suit and red

Mouskouri says she chooses which glasses to wear according to the time of the day.

"Sometimes the red glasses give you a cheerful face you might not have," she says. "I use the other ones as well sometimes. It's all a question of timing.

Later in the day, she travels by car to a town across the border in Germany to sing. By the time she appears on stage she will be wearing a long dress and her trademark black-rimmed glasses.

The next morning she is back in Brussels, cheerful and wearing sunglasses, at a conference about

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Now that Greek singer Nana Mouskouri's children have grown up, she's found something new to devote her time to - the European Parliament.

whether the explosion of pay-television on the global information highway will kill off public broad-

Mouskouri, 61, admits her double life is difficult, but says she could not continue being a member of the European Parliament if

it stopped her from singing.

"I wouldn't leave my other occupation for anything," she says. "I think it's very difficult because it takes time. I have to plan my life very well so that I am able to work here and meet all my

Mouskouri's election as a

deputy for Greece's conservative New Democracy Party was one of the biggest surprises of the last European Parliament elections in June 1994

But a common thread quickly emerged between two jobs which at first seemed as different as chalk and cheese - a love of languages. She speaks and sings fluently in Greek, French, German, English, Spanish and Italian.

more as a cultural ambassador than a politician, fighting to promote minority languages and examining what the developing information society will mean for entertainers copyrights. Mouskouri was disappointed

At the parliament, she is seen

when Britain vetoed a \$44 million program last June to help publishers translate books written in minority languages.

"I was really sorry that they did not believe it was worth it because I think it's not a very expensive program ... I think it's a big world. Languages are important," she says.

She hopes the inter-governmental conference on the European Union's future, which was launched by EU leaders in the Italian city of Turin last week, will help by allowing decisions on cultural issues to be decided by majority rather than unanimity.

"Unanimity, I think it's very important when the problems are much more dangerous, but I may

say in this case - culture there's no danger. Mouskouri lives in Geneva with her musical director Andre Chapelle and has two children by

an earlier marriage. Her recording



Priestly Blessing in the presence of a mass congregation חונים המונים המונים will take place during Pessah, on the fourth day of Hol Hamoed, Monday, April 8, 1996, at the Western Wall • Shaharit - 8:45 a.m. • Birkat Kohanim of Shaharit - 9:30 a.m. • Mussaf - 10:15 a.m. • Birkat Kohanim of Mussaf - 10:30 a.m. This notice is dedicated to the memory of Reb Asher, son of Reb Ya'acov Herzog ५", who died on 29 Sivan 5749

# Non-traditional foods flood the most traditional of holidays

Pancakes. pizza, bagels and pasta are just some of the new kosherfor-Pessah offerings now available in the US

ICTURE a Pessah meal that starts with noodles in marinara sauce, continues with what looks suspiciously like breaded fried chicken, and finishes up with gooey fudge

brownies.
Sound. well. not exactly kosher? Think again.

"It's not just gefilte fish anymore," says Sam Gross, sales vice president of I. Rokeach, a New Jersey company that has banked on the traditional appetizer as its No. I product since Rokeach's founding in 1870.

Recent years have seen a flood of untraditional newcomers transform the holiday market which used to be dominated by borscht, matza and macaroons.

Now one can buy blueberry muffin mix, vegetarian chili in a cup, and tomato basil quiche from Manischewitz, and fruitflavored breakfast cereal and garlic-flavored crunchy Pessah snacks from Rokeach.

And then there are whole lines from mainstream heavy hitters like Coca-Cola. Nabisco. Procter & Gamble, and Nestle, who have obtained kosher certification from the Union of Orthodox Congregations.

In fact, the expanding world of kosher-for-Pessah products has gotten so large that just about any set of finicky taste buds or family demands can be satisfied.

Nearly 1,000 new products meet the Pessah dietary restric-tions, according to Menachem Lubinsky, the president of Integrated Marketing and Communications, a Manhattan firm that specializes in kosher and Jewish foods.

Pessah foods are big business: an estimated 40 percent of the annual \$3 billion kosher food industry, according to Lubinsky. And so, in the past few years,

several kosher food companies have been purchased by investors tracking the increassales of Rosner 1004.

In 1990, Kohlberg and Co. bought Manischewitz, which was started in Cincinnati in



When it comes to kosher-for-Pessah foods, 'It's not just gefilte fish anymore,' says Rokeach's Sam Gross.

# Pros and cons of more availability

OSHER products usually cost more than their non-kosher counterparts. There are good reasons, manufacturers say. After all, the specially processed ingredients are more expensive. A larger staff is needed to provide the necessary supervision. And the holiday-specific products have a short shelf life.

But when foods that mimic everyday conveniences like brownie mix and cereal with marshmallows appear on the holiday table. is there a psychic price as well? It's a subject delicately addressed.

1888 by a rabbi who began

delivering matza to Jews who

had trouble finding it and grew

to be the biggest of the compa-

nies producing kosher-for-

With capital to invest in new

products, and buoyed by indica-

were keeping kosher during

Pessah, firms took the gamble.

Pessah food.

"There are some people - and I count

myself as one of them - that think Passover should taste, look, and smell different [from] the rest of the year," says Barry Freundel, rabbi of Kesher Israel, a Washington D.C. synagogue. "That's how my family functions. We do not buy any processed food."

Freundel sees it as an educational issue. The holiday has, as part of its very nature, a difference in what one eats," he says, "I have some concerns ... when one finds technological ways around that. But I don't question the kosher status of the products or anybody who uses them. However, history professor Jenna

Weissman Joselit, author of The Wonders of America: Reinventing Jewish Culture, 1880-1950, sees it quite another way.

"It's not so much what gets lost as what gets gained," she says. "It's become easier to be kosher in America. What's going on here is a reversal of what we think of as modernity. We think of modern life as jettisoning the opportunity to live more ritually attentive

"But here it works the other way, Now we can cook and eat like everybody else because it comes with a rabbinic OK." (Washington Post)

dent, Bob Solat says.

population to make Passover sweeter and less work Manischewitz's sales vice presi-

Nobody ever said Passover shouldn't be sweet. The holiday stands for people who fled oppression, seeking the sweetbring that to as many people as

(Washington Post)

# A license not to drive

CAVEAT EMPTOR! RUTHIE BLUM

TTENTION bearers of tourist visas who reside in Israel: you may not be aware that this status on your passport does not exempt you from having an Israeli driver's license.

But surprisingly, it may also pre-vent you from being issued one. This contradiction is due to a discrepancy between two binding reg-

Mr. and Mrs. X have lived in Israel for nearly 10 years. Every three months, they leave the country for a short trip, in order to retain their status as tourists. Mr. and Mrs. X own a car and

each has a valid driver's license from their country of origin. In June 1994, Mr. and Mrs. X had a car accident in which a third party was injured. They notified their insurance agent, Haim Goldfus in

The injured party then sued Mr. X's insurance company for bodily damages. After examining Mr. X's file, the insurance company informed Mr. Goldfüs that his clients were not entitled to coverage - on the grounds that Mr. X had been driving "without a valid license" at the time of the accident.

This came as shocking news to the couple. As far as they knew, the law (paragraph 567 of the traffic regulations) stated: "Anyone whose place of permanent resi-dence is outside of Israel and who possesses [either an international driver's license or a national license from his country] is exempt from [an Israeli driver's license]."

What Mr. and Mrs. X did not know was that two amendments had been made to this regulation. clarifying the definition of "residence." The first, added in February 1987, defines "permanent residence abroad" as "absence from Israel continuously for at least a full year" and "presence in Israel temporarily.

The second, added in January 1995, states that anyone driving in Israel with a foreign liceose may do so "as long as he does not drive with this license more than one year after the date of his entry into Israel."

Mr. Goldfus agrees with his clients about the ambiguity of the latter amendment. "If Mr. and Mrs. X enter the country every three months, then they cannot be in violation of the clause, he said

Furthermore, the Profession occurred prior to the 120 occurred prior t amendment, Apparently, however, the insurance company is basing its rejection on the much earlier amendment.

Mr. and Mrs. X blame their insurance agency for their ignorance of the law. A leading connection to this case told me that it is every citizen's duty to familiarize himself with any law relevant to him. And insurance agents are under no obligation to examine the validation of clients' drivers'

Considering the runaround I got from the Transport Ministry, I shudder to comemplate the fate of "dutiful citizens" wishing to "familiarize themselves" with the

After several pleading phone calls to the spakesman's office and the licensing department, I finally received a copy of the above law I did not receive, however, informa-tion about the technical procedure involved in obtaining an Israeli driver's license for "tourists" residing in Israel.

As a result. I was forced to enter the Motor Vehicles' Bureau, pretending to be a tourist. It is here that I discovered the "Catch-22" situa-tion which Mr. and Mrs. X might have found themselves had they been aware of the change in the law: According to the clerks in charge of issuing licenses to foreigners, anyone with a three-month visa on his passport is ineligible to receive an Israeli driver's license. The visa must be for at least one

So if you are such a tourist, beware. Either change your status to convert your license or cease driving. To convert your license, first obtain a form from the Motor Vehicles' Bureau in your area. Take the form with you to an eye doctor or opticion, for a vision examina-

Attach a photo of yourself to the top left-hand comer of the form. Then return to the Motor Vehicles' Bureau with the form, your passport and visa, and your valid driver's license, together with a pho-tocopy of the license. Technically you are also required to bring some kind of confirmation of what you are doing in Israel (i.e. studying. working, etc.), though when I asked about pensioners, I was told that they could forgo this step.

You will then receive a permit to undergo a mivhan shlita (a cross between a driving lesson and a road test), and a slip to pay NIS 41 to the postal bank. (The receipt will be required at the time of the mivhan shlaw).

You will also receive a list of driving schools. Phone one and make an appointment. The driving examiner may charge no NIS 81 for your lessontest, though he may charge less. If you pass, you will be granted a license. If not, you will have to undergo another lesson (at additional cost, of course). If you fail twice, you will have to undergo a written exam and road test.

stories about goods and services in this country. Write to: Ruthie Blum, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

# A sensuous tribute to Venus de Milo

"The question always was, 'Is nience and health considera-

**GREER FAY CASHMAN** 

HE runway statements of Jean Paul Gaultier, the enfant terrible of French fushion, are often outrageous. with clothes designed more to shock than to appeal to refined tastes. But how do you make shock waves with perfume without offending the olfactory sens-

If you're Gaultier, you disguise your product in packaging which has no relationship to the product. Without reading the JPG imprint on the can in the beige string bag. one could easily believe that it contained asparagus or pickled cucumbers. What it does contain is Gaultier's own tribute to Venus de Milo - a bottle shaped just like the armless goddess, with the difference that Gaultier has put her in a pink corselette.

And bubbling inside Venus is a deliciously sensuous, unmistakably feminine and romantic fragrance. Amber, musk and a delicate vanilla make up the bottom

notes, while the heart contains iris, orchids and ginger, and the top notes orange blossom, anise, mandarin, oil of roses and pear

The pure perfume extract sells for NIS 649 for 30ml, and eau de toilette NIS 347 and NIS 248 for 100ml, and 50ml, spray bottles or NIS 315 and NIS 228 for regular bottles in the same volume.

A novel use of perfume has been discovered by Jerusalem reader Dina Shalom. If you feel a tingly sensation before a cold sore erupts, she writes, the eruption can be prevented by a liberal application of perfume on the affected area.

And from cold to hot: You know that summer's coming when sunblocks start reappearing on the shelves. Clinique, a brand name associated with quality skin-care and cosmetics products, has

released a Special Defense sunblock series, each with its own SPF (sun protection factor) number which is now a standard index in the US. The higher the SPF number, the greater the protection. Most of the products in the range are suitable for all skin types and help protect the skin against UVA/UVB rays.

there a demand out there for

products outside the norm or

tradition?" Lubinsky says.

"People put out the basic stuff

and said it was sufficient .... But

they soon found that consumers

were interested in the broadest

possible selection of products.'

manufacturers have come out

with foods appealing to conve-

As a result, m

Even if you use sunblocks, when you expose your skin to the sun for a lengthy period, you really need to be liberal with your oils and lotions. Musk Oil body lotion is both potent and soothing, and is available for NIS 29.90 for

If Musk Oil is too strong for you. Aviv has a more subtle aroma which is just as effective, but offers better value for money. A 300ml, container costs NIS 22.90. In summer, lip gloss and varnish tend to be light colored - mainly

pale copper and pearly pinks. But women with a penchant for the dramatic will continue with the darker winter lines such as Jeunesse dark rich plum (No. 6) which is creamy, tasty and looks great with a tan. Lip gloss is NIS 49 and nail varnish NIS 31. Jeunesse is not sold through regular sales outlets. To find out how to reach the nearest distributor call 177-022-3881.

tions: soups or stews in a cup

that can be taken to work: low-

calorie and "light" salad dress-

ings, mayonnaise, and gravy;

cookie and cake mixes with

packaging that virtually cries

out for family participation; and

pancake, pizza, and bagel mixes

"We've tried to pick up things

that were popular in the general

to that of the rest of the year.

Most women look better with a makeup base than without. The downside to that is that makeup often leaves marks on the collar which are difficult to remove. Ultima II has a new Wonderwear makeup which doesn't come off. It's also oil-free, but this can make it feel like a mask.

So can Revion's age-defying extra cover creme makeup, which is much too dry for my liking. It's advertised as making skin look smoother and younger. Needless to say, it doesn't. But at least it doesn't clog.



Bubbling inside Gaultier's Venus is an unmistakably feminine and romantic fragrance.

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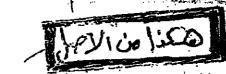
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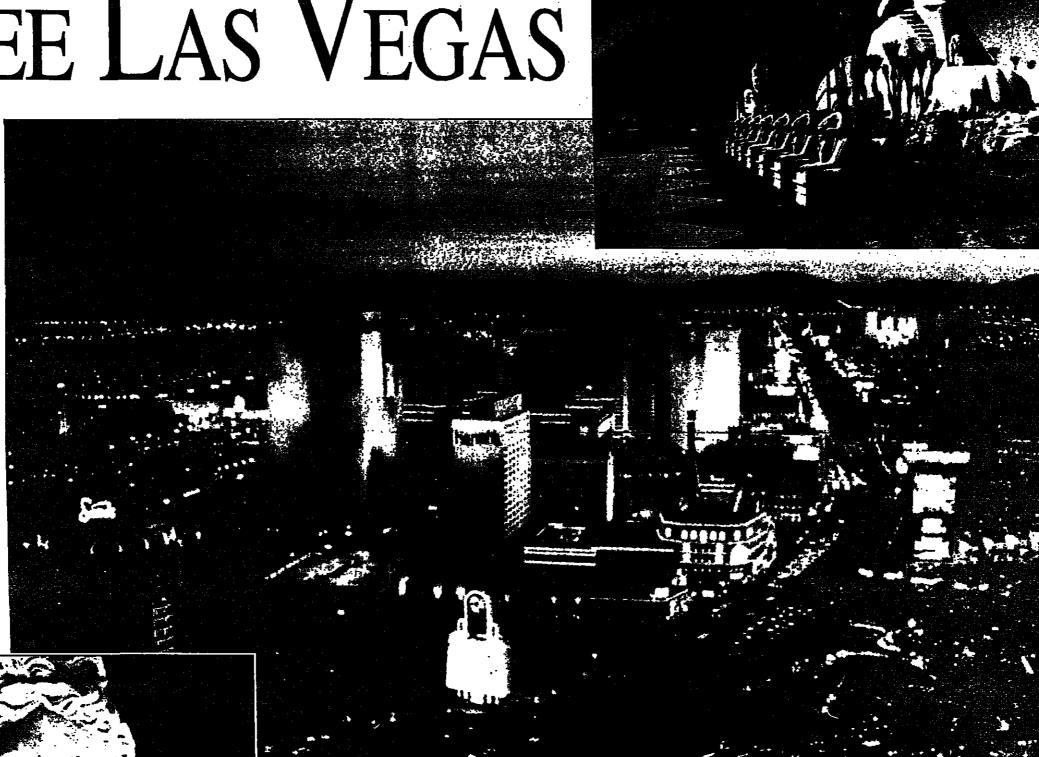
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Photos couriesy of the Las Vegas News Bureau In Las Vegas you take a world tour just by walking the strip. The Luxor (top photo) evokes feelings of ancient Egypt and Caesar's Palace (left photo) is decked out in

# AND SEE THE WORLD

By John Grochowski

Chicago Sun-Times

rom the great pyramid of Luxor at the south end of the Las Vegas Strip, Las Vegas, Nevada, it's an easy walk to New York, New York, Just north is Monte Carlo, then it's off to the Mediterranean

village of Bellagio. Near center Strip, just east of Bally's on Flamingo Road. Paris is rising. For those willing to venture off the Strip, there's Rio and Texas, and ground has been broken for Orleans, with its French Quarter theme.

And where better to view it all than the Stratosphere—that is, the Stratosphere Tower at the north end of the Strip on the former site of Vegas

It's the gambler's version of a world tour, with new construction everywhere as Vegas continues to reinvent itself from the mobsters. This is a change from the publicly-traded multinational corporations who run the show and casino names acknowledged their place in the desert-Dunes, Sands, Sahara.

The transformation of Las Vegas into the world's largest theme park continues unabated-and this is a gambler's theme park, a wagering center that draws bettors from around the globe despite the recent proliferation of gambling. As William Eadington, director of the University

of Nevada at Reno's gaming institute, "Las Vegas is gambling's Disney World. Everyplace else is the Six Flags." There are more hotel rooms here than anywhere

else in the world, and not even a slight dip from last year's record 95.2 percent occupancy rate on the Strip can stop the boom.

Everywhere you look, it seems there's either something new or something under construction.

# SOUTH STRIP

Just a few years ago, the Tropicana was virtually alone, half a mile north of the Hacienda, half a mile south of the Aladdin, and it was another half a mile from the Aladdin to the real action-Flamingo Road and center Strip, Bally's, Caesars Palace and more.

That all started the change in 1990 with the opening of Excalibur, and now Tropicana Avenue and the Strip is one of the hottest areas in Las Vegas-the

New Four Corners, with the Trop, Excalibur and MGM Grand filling three of the corners. Just south of Excalibur is Luxor, filling in most of the space headed down toward the Hacienda.

By late 1996, the fourth corner will be occupied by New York, New York. A 150-foot Statue of Liberty is planned, along with a 48-story Empire State Building. A preview center is open on the future site of Miss Liberty to show visitors just what's coming. There will be a 1,000-seat Radio City Music Hall, a main entrance through the Brooklyn Bridge and Gotham-

This is a gambler's theme park, a wagering center that draws bettors from around the globe despite the recent proliferation of gambling.

Just north is the old Dunes property. The golf course has been closed, and the property is to hold two casino/hotels, now under construction. A partnership with Circus Circus Enterprises is expected to give Mirage Resorts an entry into the mid-level market.

Originally named Victoria, the project now is reported to have transformed into Monte Carlo.

The larger share of the property will be taken up by Bellagio, a Mirage megaresort patterned on a resort village in Northern Italy.

Even the venerable old Tropicana, a fixture since 1956, is getting in on the construction act. Two 1.000room towers are to be added to the existing resort. The Winners coffee shop and Rhapsody upscale restaurant have been closed, with a Mexican restaurant called Papagayo's opening on the former coffee shop site and a new coffee shop on the Rhapsody site.

# CENTER STRIP

Getting from the New Four Corners to center Strip is one of the easiest trips in Las Vegas. A monorail takes customers between the MGM Grand and Bally's. Bally's is very conscious of getting the customer to the door. a concern engendered by the limits on walk-in

trade placed by its very slightly off-Strip location on Flamingo Road. That 100-yard walk from the Strip to Bally's Flamingo Road entrance proved daunting to potential customers during Vegas' 100-plus-degree summer days. Bally's solved that problem last year

with the opening of a huge people mover that carries customers from the Strip to the casino.

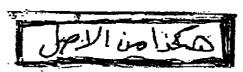
Now Bally's is taking its chances even further off the Strip with Paris, with a possible 1997 opening at Flamingo and Koval Road. Early plans included a 50story Eiffel Tower, an Arc de Triomphe. Champs-Elysces, River Seine and a winery, though recent reports say the package may be slightly scaled back.

Much of the center Strip building boom seems to have abated, with the Mirage and its volcano and Treasure Island with its pirate battle having opened in recent years. But there is expansion in the works at Harrah's, with a 694-room hotel tower and 22,000 square feet of added casino space.

# NORTH STRIP

Stratosphere Tower rises above the Las Vegas skyline, due to open late this year. A pod at the 900-foot level should offer a spectacular view of the Strip. The project, begun by former Vegas World owner Bob Stupak but now owned by Grand Casinos of Minnesota, will have roller coasters, restaurants, wed-

ding chapels, meeting moms—all high in the sky. Refurbishing and expansion are expected at the Continued on page 2



themed casino areas.



AS VEGAS....in a casino world where everyone developing customer loyalty is a tricky business.

A slot player might stick with a casino where he feels lucky, and a blackjack player might choose to play where the rules are most favorable, but by and large, it's little customer service touches that make the difference. If the customer feels comfortable, be'll be back.

With that in mind, here are a few touches seen recently that made a difference, for better or worse:

# Token Exchange, Harrah's

A couple four-of-a-kind hits on a Bonus Poker video poker machine left a man with several hundred \$1 tokens in his tray. A Harrah's employee wheeling a change cart saw what was happening and handed him several plastic racks, designed to hold 100 tokens in each. "Why don't you rack them up and I'll buy those back from you?" she said. She saved the customer from having to lug three or four heavy, awkward plastic coin cups full of \$1 tokens to the cashier's cage.

**Token Exchange, Stardust** In a similar situation, a woman hit four 3s on a

\$1 Double Bonus Poker machine, paying \$400 in \$1 tokens. Here there was no offer, but she couldn't carry her racks of tokens so she asked a casino employee if she could put her winnings atop the change cart to be wheeled to the cage. "How many can you carry?" the change woman asked. When the customer said two, she then said, "Take those to the booth over there, and I'll watch the others till you get back." The customer wound up carrying the coins.

# People Mover, Bally's

Set a half-block off the Strip on Flamingo Road, Bally's has bid for more walkup trade by installing a people mover that extends all the way from the Strip to the casino. And, wonder of wonders, it not only carries customers into the casino, it also moves them back out to the Strip.

# People Movers, **Caesars Palace and Excalibur:**

In both cases, it's a fair distance from the front of the property at the Strip to the door leading into the casino. In both cases, people movers were installed. And in both cases, they only go one way.

They'll move you into the casino, but if you want to leave, you have to hoof it.

# Slot Club, Tropicana

The benefits aren't the best in Las Vegas, but table game players in the Island Winners Chib have the same cards they use on the slots swiped through a magnetic reader at the tables. When they leave the table, the card is swiped through again, an average bet is keyed in, and complimentary points are awarded. The player can immediately go to readers throughout the casino and learn how many complimentary dollars he's earned. Few casinos offer such an easy table rating system.

# Cashier's Cage, Treasure Island

For such a nice casino, there's a real bottleneck at the cage. Customers redeeming chips for cash find themselves stuck in line behind others making more time-consuming paper transactions, such as cashing checks or redeening markets. Lines aren't marked, so one chip-toting customer found himself in a paper-only queue and had to move when a cashier told him there was no money in that line. Many other casinos have clearly marked "chip and token redemption only" lines.

images and symphonic sound.

Sahara, though nothing is yet under way. The Sahara, a 22-acre parking lot and a 26-acre property now leased by a water park recently were acquired by William Bennett, former CEO of Circus Circus Enterprises.

# OFF STRIP

See Las Vegas From page 1

One of the biggest success stories of the '90s has been the Rio, west of the Strip on Flamingo Road. All the rooms are suites, and local polls have rated the Brazilian-themed resort the best of practically everything, from casino to restaurants to cocktail waitresses. The monthly Las Vegas Advisor newsletter consistently rates Rio's buffet as the best in Las Vegas-try the Mongolian grill, where you fill a bowl with veggies and spices, then give it to a chef who grills it with a meat of your choice.

A new tower will give Rio 1.000 additional rooms by spring of 1997. Plans include a sky parade that will float through the casino. Texas. owned by Station Casinos, which also operates local favorites Palace Station and Boulder Station, opened in July in North Las Vegas. Along with its Lone Star theme and decor, it houses a 12-screen movie theater.

Ground has been broken on West Tropicana for Orleans, which will have 810 rooms, a 100,000-squarefoot casino and 70 bowling lanes.

back from the Strip? That's unclear, but there may be DOWNTOWN something else in the works. The Pioneer Club has The Fremont Street Experience, downtown's answer closed, and Steve Wynn, the Mirage Resorts honcho, has to the Strip's glitz, opened last December, The huge an option to buy the property. Given Wynn's track mesh awning stretched across Fremont Street, equipped record, you probably can count on another stop being with 1.6 million lights, will be used for the nightly Sky added to the Vegas World Tour. Parade and Light Show, with computer-generated

John Grochowski's is a syndicated writer of the Chicago Will that be enough for downtown to lure customers Sun-Times Features Syndicate.



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Tourists walking the strip can beat the summer heat by using Bally's Hotel and Casino's indoor air conditioned people mover.

# **Beyond the Slot Machines**

By John Grochowski

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The fastest growing city in the United States for the last five, Las Vegas has 854,300 residents. and is expected to top one million by the end of the century. It's growing so fast that the telephone directories, both white pages and yellow, are updated every six months instead of once a year. The people who live, work and go to school here have their own museums and concerts, tours and

It's a world that few of the area's 29 million visitors a year see. For most, the Las Vegas they see away from gambling itself consists of casino showrooms (Elvis sold out a record 837 consecutive shows at the Las Vegas Hilton in the '70s); cheap buffets (the Circus Circus buffet, with as many as 13,000 meals served a day, is the world's busiest restaurant), and bright lights (more than 2 million light bulbs illuminate computer-generated images in the Fremont Street Experience).

That's not likely to change any time soon. For all of Las Vegas' recent push to attract the family. trade with pirate battles, game arcades and annasement parks at the lavish casino resort hotels, it's the gambling that brings visitors to town.

Behind all the bright lights and glitz, beyond the baccarat pits filled with high rollers and the clanking of coins pouring into slot machine trays, there is a city here.

But for those adventurous enough to leave the Strip or Glitter Gulch, and for families, there are city attractions beyond the Liberace Museum or the Imperial Palace car collection. Many of the attractions are on Las Vegas Bonlevard North-Las Vegas Boulevard South is the Strip; as the addresses turn to North, you're closer to the downtown Fremont Street casino area. Here are a few bighlights:

# MUSEUMS AND ZOOS

Las Vegas Museum of Natural History, 900 Las Vegas Boulevard North, (001) 702/384-3466: This is dinosaurland, with a nice fossil collection as well as a fun display of the animarrouic beasts. The resident fossilized sauropod—the family of huge plant-eaters most familiar to museum-goers as Apatosaurus (formerly Brontosaurus) is a Camarasaurus. There are non-dinosaur fossils, too-the early crocodile relative Phobosuchus and. moving ahead to the Age of Mammals, Smilodon, the saber-toothed cat.

An 11-foot-tall, 35-foot-long roaring Tyrannosaurus Rex high-lights the animatronic display, which also includes the smallish (up to about 150 pounds) raptor Deinonychus, Triceratops and an Ankylosaurus with three hatchlings.

There's a kids' room with hands-on displays, an exhibit of Nevada wildlife and a marine room with live sharks in a 3,000-gallon tank.

Old Las Vegas Fort, 908 Las Vegas. Boulevard North, (001) 702/486-3511: Right next door to the natural history museum is this relic from Nevada's pioneer past. It was built by Mormons in 1855 as a refuge for travelers, and served as a stopping point for fortune seekers on their way to California in the late stages of the Gold Rush. By the turn of the century it had become a railroad junction post. The restored fort contains more than balf of its original bricks and houses antiques and relics of the era.

Lied Children's Discovery Museum, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, (001) 702/382-2445: Opened in 1990, this is the fourth largest children's museum in the world, with 24,000 square feet of display space bousing more than 100 bands-on exhibits. Kids can bend sound waves in the echo tabes or pilot the space shortle. Through April 28, a special exhibit teaches children ages 10 through 17 and their parents about AIDS.

Las Vegas Art Museum, 6130 West Charleston, (001) 702/249-4458: The museum hopes to win permission to take over 30,000 square feet of space at the public library near the Lied Children's Discovery Museum, Rotating monthly exhibits focus on artists of the West, mostly from California and Nevada.

Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, 700 Twin Lakes Drive, (001) 702/486-5205: Pick an era of Nevada history, and you'll find it here. There's a haunting exhibit on the days of atomic testing in the desert. Naturally, the history of gambling is traced. And how about a display on the use of meon lighting in Las Vegas?

Southern Nevada Zoological Park, 1775 North Rancho Drive, (001) 702/648-5955: This is the only zoo in Nevada, and there's a special emphasis on native wildlife. The more than 150 species in the collection include more than 50 species of desert wildlife, with loads of reptiles including the threatened desert tortoise. There are monkeys, tigers and flamas here, too, and a petting 200 for the kids.

# MUSIC AND THEATER

Charles Vanda Master Series at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, 4505 North Maryland Packway, (001) 702/895-3801: This series, which runs from September through May, brings renowned classical performers to the desert. In its 18-year run, the series has played host to Eagene Ormandy, Issue Stem, the Moscow Symphony, New York Philharmonic, Israel Ballet
and the property for information and
resortations.

Chamber Music Southwest, at UNLV, (001) 702/895-3535: Organized in 1987, Chamber Music Southwest both brings acclaimed artists from all over the world to Las Vegas and presents concerts by local musicians.

Actors Repertory Theatre, 1824 Palo Alto Circle, (001) 702/677-7469: The only Actors Equity theater in Las Vegas presents about a dozen plays per season and conducts an annual tour through rural Nevada.

(001) 702/731-5419: There are many other small music, theatre and dance ensembles in Las Vegas that use the council as a scheduling clearinghouse. For information on what's going on in the arts, the council publishes a monthly magazine called

# Tours

Ethel M Chocolate Factory, Sunset Road and Mountain Vista Street, (001) 702/458-8864: The M in Ethel M stands for Mars, and this branch of the Mars family business makes not Smickers or Milky Way, but fine chocolates. This is one of the few places in the United States that includes liquor-filled chocolanes in its selection-rum, bourbon, Irish cream, orange liqueur, cherry cordials. Free self-guided tours and free samples are offered daily. On the grounds is a 2-acre cactus garden, worth the trip by itself for cacins fanciers. And, of course, there's a chocolate shop along with a gift shop.

Holy Cow! Brewery, 2423 Las Vegas Boulevard South, (001) 702/732-2697: After all that non-casino entertainment, this will get you back into the swing. This is on the Strip and has a slot machine/video poker arcade on premises. You can tour the brewery daily and watch them make their specialty beers. The Amber Gambler brew won the gold medal at the 1993 Great American Beer Festival. A gift shop focuses on dozens of cow-oriented items.

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# **Casino in the Clouds**

Plenty of airlines have been touting en-board gaming, but British Airways will roll the dice. As part of its new in-seat entertainment system, which will allow travelers to video shop at Harrods and other tony stores, BA will allow wagering up to \$200 per flight starting this fall. A spokesperson says a limit is important: "We don't someone getting off a plane who's lost his

# **Butiers are Back**

serving toast and cappuccino.

Hotels wooing business travelers are adding butlers, a nicety found in pricey European and

shirt." (Or who broke the bank). Meantime, BA is

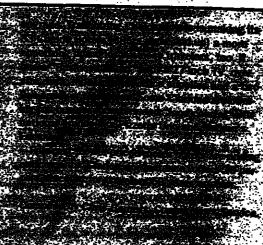
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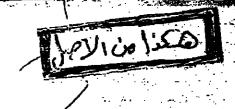
hour private butter service on its two Club Floors (rate: \$174), where butlers will unpack, press and dry clean clothes, make travel analy dining and theater receivations, and provide sec-retarial and fax services. Suffers will also serve Continental breakfast, afternoon munchles and evening cordials and truffles in your room rather

than a just laying them out in a guast lounge. The Stouffer Madison in Seattle, with rates beginning at \$160, offers guests gratia filmo drop off and pickup service downtown, a conver more hotels will offer in 196:

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By Brenda Warner Rotzoll

AS VEGAS-it's here! It's hep! It's hype! It's

the Fremont Street Experience, a sound and

trolled lights creating moving full-color pictures on an

artificial sky four blocks long, 90 feet above the street.

Moving pictures? What a wimpy description.

These images gallop, stampede, explode, roar past at

the speed of sound, accompanied by the thunder of

540,000 wants of audio power diffused through 160

than a yard in diameter.

speakers hung from 16 giant pillars, each pillar more

There's nothing like it in this world, although the

just that every other use of the pictures-from-fixed-lights

spans the street from building facade to building facade.

exposed lights. The tiny lights of the Fremont Street

Experience are capped with white plastic domes about

2-1/2 inches across. Behind each dome is a chister of

four lights, one each in red, green, blue and white. The

Computer controls determine not only which colored

how much light comes from any one colored bulb

means up to 65,000 shades of color can be obtained,

said Bob Cloud, an architect with the designers, Jerde

lights are on at a given instant, but also their intensity.

The combination of mixing light and controlling

plastic domes help the lights diffuse and mix.

Another difference is that most reader boards have

technology employed has become commonplace. It's

technology (caller reader boards) has been no bigger

than billboard size, while this is 1,400 feet long and

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Light is natural for a Las Vegas attraction. Light-

along with slot machines and gaming tables—is the

Thousands upon thousands of lights in casino signs

along Fremont Street gave it the nickname Glitter

Gulch. Hotel-casinos and their signs are spread farther

About four years ago architect Jon Jerde was called

apart on Las Vegas Boulevard, the famous Strip, but

in to create a super attraction to help Fremont Street get

expertise in creating spaces where people gather, such as

Thousands upon thousands of

lights in casino signs along

Fremont Street gave it the

City, California, and Treasure Island in Las Vegas.

"He was walking down Fremont Street and saw

the two walls of light, and a dark floor and ceiling."

and Kathilynn Carpenter, vice president of market-

Jerde wanted to create an urban place that would

He said the image people around the world have of

ing for the Fremont Street Experience. "He said,

be an attraction in itself, and to do it in a way that

would be immediately identifiable with Fremont

Fremont Street is a picture framed on two sides with

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nickname Glitter Gulch.

'It's the lights.'"

Street, Cloud said.

back in business that increasingly was skipping down-

town in favor of the Strip. Jerde was chosen for his

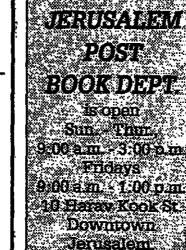
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light from the casino signs. "The idea was to complete

Fremont Street as being historically this street of light."

Jerde designed a metal space frame 1,400 feet

long, supported on pillars and extending from building

wall to cover the street below. It fills in the top of the

picture with a new wave of light. The bottom of the

picture is the street itself, converted to a pedestrian

the light-absorbing crowds its backers hope for.

which would be the anteroom to all of the casinos

which define its edges," Cloud said.

outside the hotels.

wrestle with.

mall, its flat surface polished to reflect light if it draws

"The idea was to create this great urban room

to adorn it. Next up. Carpenter said, will be "a retail

presence with carts and kiosks," and sidewalk cafes

Outside. That's a concept casino owners had to

ple) in here and how can we keep them." Carpenter

said. "For us to build something in front of the proper-

Time will tell whether this \$70 million gamble

show last month only a few hundred people were out-

side on Fremont Street, wandering about, while thou-

When word of the tests filtered inside, some

people did leave the slot machines to watch the new

spectacle. The hope is that thousands will quit wan-

Not surprisingly, the man who first moved enter-

tainment outside on the Strip was heavily involved in

dering the Strip and come wander here to see the

creating an outdoor attraction for Fremont Street.

Wynn started the outdoor trend when he built an

ty, that will draw people outside, is quite a step."

works. During installation and testing of the light

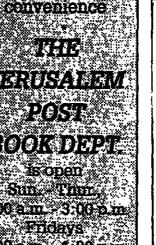
sands more were inside the casinos.

show, then go inside to gamble.

"The Las Vegas mentality is 'How can we get [peo-

Street level is starting out with little but palm trees

the frame of that picture, to carry out the essence of



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No Escaping the Lights of Fremont Street erupting volcano outside the Mirage, then created the pirate show in front of Treasure Island. His company also owns the Golden Nugget, at 2,000 rooms by far the largest of the Fremont Street hotel-casinos.

The coming of the megaresorts on the Strip, with

anywhere from 1,500 to 5,000 rooms, and the enter-

tainment they provided, drew millions of dollars of

gaming revenues away from Fremont Street starting in the late 1980s, Carpenter said. "We just had little casinos down here. It also was hard for us to compete with those huge numbers of rooms." Downtown business owners "realized they all had to get together to have an impact and have the kind of

money they needed. Ten hotel-casinos put up \$70 miltion. A lot of people say that isn't much money, But we already have a \$1.5 billion project with the hotels. We only had to build the attraction," she said.

What an attraction it is. The peak of the space frame vault is higher than the early medieval cathedrals of Europe-they only ran about 75 feet high, Cloud said, while later cathedral vaults rose to 90 and then more than 100 feet. The immense pillars and the support beams arching out from them to anchor the 3,200 tons of steel in the space frame bear an uncanny resemblance to the stone vaulting in gothic cathedrals.

"We have THE most sophisticated sound system in the world," Carpenter said. It is powerful enough to fill four city blocks with sound, yet well controlled and not deafening. It can be timed to coordinate perfeetly with the visual images flashing across the light screen above.

A show with a Western theme was being tested when I was in Las Vegas last month. Male and female figures in silhouette did a square dance, cowboys trotted by on horseback, buffalo stampeded. Psychedelic light explosions (imagine the ones in a comic strip, set in motion) flashed across the screen, and playing

cards appeared. They slip-slapped down the block and suddenly aligned five across in royal flush-a sight to inspire any gambler.

Even with no sound it was impressive. But people stood riveted when the casino signs went out, the Felia show came on and the sound poured in. That what will happen every night from now on, who a sevenminute show scheduled every hour on the hour, starting an hour after dark.

One show already on the computes features f-14 jet planes streaking across the artificial sky, following an eagle that fians by carrying in its beak a sign saying "Fremont Street Experience."

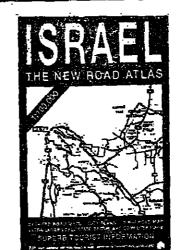
Other outdoor entertainment structures can be changed, over time, with great effort, Cloud said. The Fremont Street Experience shows can be changed in a few hours, the time it takes to download a new show from compact disks to the 31 PCs and 90 custom computer controllers that run the show.

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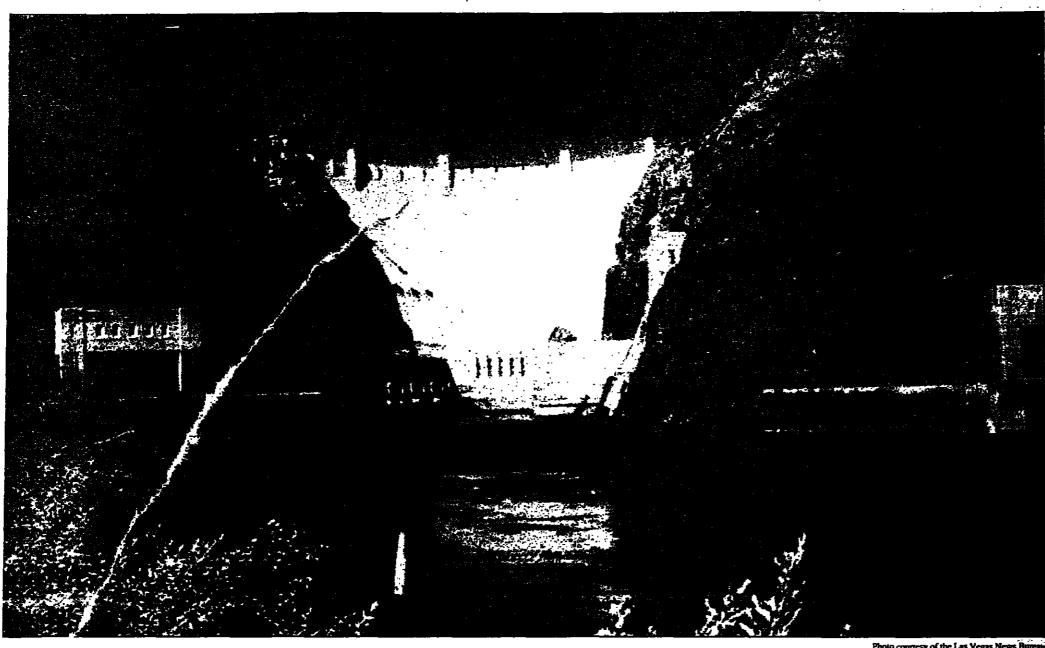


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Hoover Days, built in Black Canyon, is an hour car trip from Las Vegas.

# Loover Dam

# The 20th Century Engineering Marvel

By Brenda Warner Rotzoll

**Chicago Sun-Times** 

OULDER CITY, Nevada-Call it Boulder Dam, call it Hoover Dam, call it awesome. romuntic, the engineering marvel of the 30th century, the key that unlocked the riches of the desert Southwest, the power that fueled West Coast defense factories during World War II.

Call it any of those things and you'll call it right. Engineers originally expected to build the 726-

foot-high dam in Boulder Canyon. The name Boulder stuck when it was built instead in nearby Black Canyon, where the underlying rock was stronger. In 1930. Interior Secretary Ray Lyman Wilbur declared changed as soon as Democrats came to power in 1933. The partisan battle over the dam's name raged until 1947, when Hoover became the official name.

The most famous dam in the world was built to control floods on the lower reaches of the Colorado River and provide a reliable source of water to irrigate the otherwise barren Imperial Valley of southern California, now one of the nation's major sources of fruits and vegetables.

At the time it was the world's largest dam, the first of a new breed of superdams. Nothing like it existed. Engineers had to build rai! lines and overhead cableways to deliver construction material to the site, built a huge concrete-making plant, devise new work methods to drill enormous tunnels through rock walls, set up a steel fabrication plant on site to build the huge pipes that would run through those tunnels.

The dam was equipped with a hydroelectric station so that it could sell power to belp pay for its construction. The water and the power it provided turned a dusty desert town of 5,000 people into the light-theskies gambling mecca of Las Vegas that now is home to just over one million people.

Much of its power is used to pump water to farms. and across the mountains to the city of Los Angeles, whose residents would be much thirstier were it not for Hoover Dam. At daily times of peak electricity demand—when people are getting up and comin home-it's a peaking station, pouring power into the grids of commercial electric utilities.

At all times, it is one of the major tourist attractions of the Southwest. Each year as many as 770,000 people drive to the middle of nowhere to tour the towering dam and gaze at the canyon it spans. Uncounted millions more drive across the state highway on the rim of the dam, look about them and drive on. In summer, traffic can be so heavy it takes 30 minutes to

drive the 1,224 feet across the dam from the Arizona to the Nevada side.

The number of people taking tours will be higher from now on, thanks to a new visitor center which opened June 21, 1995. It has elevators which can handle 40 visitors at a time, moving tour groups in and out of the dam in 75 seconds instead of the previous time of 12 minutes. The 1995 visitor total was 862,330 and more than 1 million are expected in 1996, Bureau of Reclamation spokesman Bob Walsh said. As many as 1.5 million can be accommodated.

What they see is an engineering marvel astonishing for its size, its beauty and its very existence in a bostile climate of desert and canyon where the temperature can rise to 125 degrees on a summer day.

"It's still pretty hard to believe that they built it at the time and place that they did," said Walsh, whose job takes him through the dam an average of once a week. He said he never tires of the sight, and finds something new every trip.

"I still wonder how we did it, and I know how we did it," said Boulder City resident Red Wixson, one of the 5,000 workers who belped build the dam. He is one of several whose comments are displayed, along with artifacts and photographs, in the Bouide, City-Hoover Dam Museum in Boulder City, seven miles

They did it despite raging river, falling rock, heat exhaustion, and carbon monoxide poisoning in the tunnels drilled to carry water through the canyon walls-the dam was designed for water to flow around it, not over it. They did it seven days a week for \$4 a day if they were macking out silt and debris. \$5.60 a day if they had the most glamorous and most dangerous job of "scaling." That means planting dynamite charges in the canyon walls, then going back to break off rock that had not been completely blasted free.

The dam is built of concrete, 6.6 million tons of it. enough to pave a two-lane highway from San Francisco to New York City. Concrete was delivered to the exact spot needed by buge buckets suspended from overhead cableways, the brainchild of construction boss Frank Crowe. Chemical heat caused by setting cement was dissipated by embedding more than 582 miles of 1-inch steel pipe in the concrete and circulating icewater through it from a refrigeration plant. Otherwise the dam still would be cooling today-and craciding and crambling.

Hundreds of tourists came daily to stand on the canyon walls and watch the engineering marvel of the day taking shape. The entire nation followed the dam's progress through stories in newspapers, magazines and books. Zane Grey, one of the most popular authors of the period, wrote a best-selling novel, based on acrual incidents, titled Boulder Dam (Harper Paperbacks).

It captured the feeling that the nero of the day was the engineer and builder, who was doing something that would help make a better world:

... Grey saw a much rougher coons the visitor. Water falling from power plant outlets, turbines humming and cars driving across the dam now are the loudest sounds.

It was always intended that people tour the dam, so there are handsome decorations throughout. The exterior is severely simple. Inside are many Art Decoornamentations, including patterns with Native? American motifs set in the polished terrazzo florgs:

Looking north from the top of the dam, you see the start of man-made Lake Mead. It extends 110 miles of 247 square miles, and is capable of holding two years worth of the average flow of the Colorado-River. That's enough water to cover the state of Pennsylvania one foot deep.

Looking south, you see down the face of the dam to the eight-story office-maintenance building and twin power plants at its base.

Hoover Dam is an arch gravity dam, built like a wedge that is 660 feet wide at the base and 45 feet wide at the top. It is curved arched with the convex side facing the weight of water behind it. Wings at either side behind the dani contain giant spillways, each capable of handling the flow of Niagara Falls. Water has poured over the spillways only twice—in 1941, as a test, and in 1983, during the Colorado's highest flowage in history.

The dam holds water back. Water that continues downstream is routed around the dam, through huge tunnels blasted through the rock of the canyon walls. Originally they were used go divert water around temporary earthen dams which enclosed the construction site and let it be cleared out. Now two of them house 30-foot-diameter steel tubes delivering water to the turbines producing electricity, and two are used to handle overflow from the spillways.

 There are 17 main turbines in the power plants. divided between the Arizona and Nevada sides, plus two Pelton waterwheels which generate power used in running the dam comolex.

The three-level visitor center, on the Nevada side. has temporary displays and a 28-minute movie on the dam. Permanent displays are expected to be ready by autumn. From the theater, most people take the 35. minute guided tour of the dam. High-speed elevators take them 530 feet down through the rock wall of Black Canyon, In most cases, they see the Nevada power plant, then walk out on the deck between the wings, look up from the Arizona side, and return. A favorite place to take pictures is on the line marking the boundary between the states.

Back at the visitor center, there is an overlook with an unobstructed view of the dam, powerhouses. Lake Mead and the Colorado River.

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The entrance fee to the visitor center is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for people 62 and older, and children ages 10 to 16. Children 9 and under are free. The fee includes parking in the garage, the film on dam construction, and the tour.

The center opens at 8:30 a.m. doily except Thanksgiving and Christmas, and closes at 6:30 p.m. The last tour leaves at 5:40 p.m. Hours given are Pacific time. If you're coming from the east, remember that Arizona is an hour ahead, on Mountain time.

# SNAPSHOT

# **Composing with a Camera**

By Carl and Ann Purcell

**Copley News Service** 

ne of our traveling companions Precently asked us if we had any advice to give on the rules of photographic composition.

The first piece of advice we would have is that you should always feel free to break the rules if you find that it will make an artistic statement that pleases you. Some of the basic rules are as follows:

Keep your horizons straight. In the excitement of seeing a beautiful picture, it is sometimes hard to remember to keep your camera level and the result often looks inebriated.

Keep your background uncluttered. If you have a busy background behind your subject, you can sometimes eliminate it by dropping to one knee and shooting the subject against the sky. Use plain backgrounds to advantage, such as beaches, flat walls and the sky, If you find it impossible to get your subject away from a messy background, throw it out of focus by opening your shutter, to f2.4, for example. This won't work with a very wideangle lens but should work with a lens

that is 50 mm or stronger.

Every successful photograph usually has a strong focal point. Normally, this will be the subject on which you have focused. You may have to create a focal point, however, by using a small spot of bright color in a monotone scene, for example, or by using a contrast, such as a small figure in a photograph showing a massive monument

**Pretty pictures are nice but** it is the photograph that carries a clean, strong message that is unforgettable.

Human interest often enhances a photograph, and even the most beautiful seascape sunsets can be more interesting if there is a human figure or two in the picture, even if you have only used them as a out-of-focus silhouette.

Compose with your camera. Cropping out undesirable elements while printing the pictures does not always work. It is far better to use the proper lens length and crop the picture

Keep your picture simple. Look for graphic designs in the scenes around you and take advantage of them. Try to isolate small details. Find unusual angles from which to take the photograph.

If you are taking slides, try underexposing slightly in order to have greater color saturation. (This is to give you deep, rich National Geographic results.) If, for example, you are using Fujichrome 100, try shooting a roll at

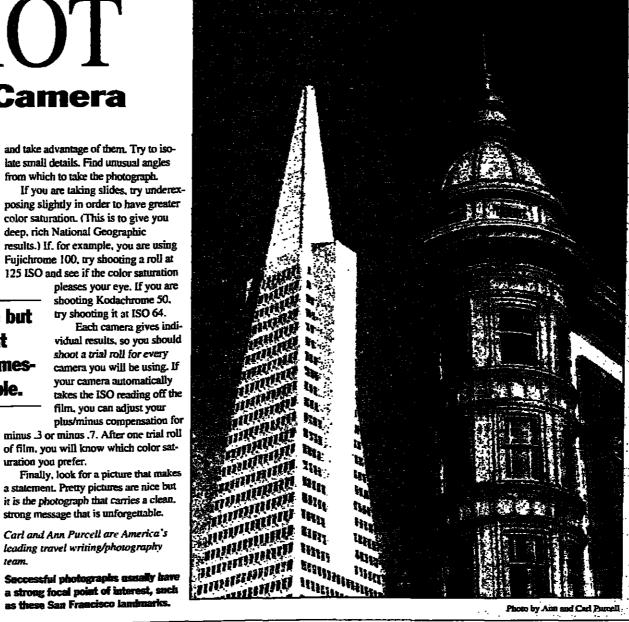
125 ISO and see if the color saturation pleases your eye. If you are shooting Kodachrome 50. try shooting it at ISO 64.

Each camera gives individual results, so you should shoot a trial roll for every camera you will be using. If your camera automatically takes the ISO reading off the film, you can adjust your plus/minus compensation for

uration you prefer. Finally, look for a picture that makes a statement. Pretty pictures are nice but it is the photograph that carries a clean.

strong message that is unforgettable. Carl and Ann Purcell are America's leading travel writing/photography

Successful photographs assaily have a strong focal point of interest, such as these San Francisco landmarks.





A port security guard watches as Irish cattle are unloaded this week in Alexandria, Egypt. The shipment of cattle had been delayed by an Egyptian ban on European beef. (Remer)

# US-European economic fault line emerges in Middle East

IVERGENCES in the economic interests of the United States and European Union are foiling full international cooperation against

Iran-backed terrorism.

One of the most important achievements of the Sharm e-Sheikh conference was its call for coordination against terrorism, and indeed a modest start has been made.

But from the outset the economic rivalry between the US and EU has prevented the formation of a solid front. It looks like we cannot expect fully comprehensive security coordination but will instead see a system based on those parties interested in economic cooperation.

To be more more specific: Israel, Jordan and some of the Gulf states (such as Qarar and Oman) are the most likely to work together on security matters. This bloc is being encouraged by Washington.

On the other side we may notice the emergence of a different bloc supported by France, constituting the Palestinian Authority, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and, to some extent, Savia

Syria.

The formations of these blocs were already apparent on the eve of the Sharm e-Sheikh summit.

Palestinan sources say the US

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demanded that Yasser Arafat "immediately" arrest izzadin Kassam leaders: When the Americans sensed that Arafat may not be falling over himself with enthusiasm, they did not hesitate to tell him he might not be invited to the conference.

It was natural for the Egyptian president, who was the host as well as being Arafat's main ally to lobby in his favor. But a similar French eagerness to confront Washington in support of Arafat came as somewhat of a surprise.

French support for the Palestinian viewpoint continued at last week's follow-up conference in Washington, almost to the point of sinking the meeting.

This French led European poli-

cy is not unique to Palestinian matters – it is part of an overall stance on Middle East issues. France also disputes American policy on Iraq and Iran. It has

policy on Iraq and Iran. It has signed economic contracts for several billions of dollars with Iraq, despite United Nations sanctions.

Its economic interest in the PA is of course more modest in scope — it mainly has its eye on the Gaza port project.

Last week's visit to Israel by the Jordanian chief of staff, and Prime Minister Shimon Peres's visit to Qatar and Oman, delineate the boundaries of the real economic and security groupings emerging.

These developments put Israel's new partners in the peace process

- the Palestinians and the Jordanians - on opposite axes, and there are implications for the integrity of Palestinian territory in the future.

While the West Bank is likely to develop economic relations with Jordan and be included in the Israel-Jordan economic bloc, the Gaza Strip would lean more and more towards Egypt.

During the closure, shipments of Gaza flowers to Europe began going through Egyptian ports, and flour had already started to arrive from Egypt.

Although these basic shipments did not prove to be economically sound, they may be considered as the beginning of a trend connecting Egypt and Gaza.

There is also another economic aspect of the security coordination. Jordan is a full partner in US efforts to normalize economic relations between Israel and the Arab world. Egyptian and Palestinian efforts are directed at slowing this down.

# Gaddafi says foreign airplanes will fly Moslem pilgrims

N a reversal, Col. Muammar Gaddafi says Libyan planes will not fly Moslem pilgrims to Saudi Arabia this month in defiance of a United Nations ban on air travel.

Last month, he had declared Libya would not seek permission "from Christians and infidels" for the pilgrimage. If Libyans wanted to go, they would use Libyan aircraft, he said.

Moslems are required to go to the holy city of Mecca on the haj pilgrimage at least once in their lives, if they can afford it. This year, the haj culminates towards the end of April.

In the past, Gaddafi has used the pilgrimage to dramatize the impact of UN sanctions, which ban air travel, limit diplomatic contacts and bar the sale of aircraft parts, among other things. Libya has been under the sanctions since 1992 for refusing to hand over two suspects in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jet over Scotland.

Libya sent one jet last year in defiance of the sanctions from its capital at Tripoli to the Saudi city of Jedda. It then allowed Egyptian planes to transport the rest of its pilgrims.

Gaddafi now announced airplanes belonging to other countries would again fly Libyan pilgrims to Saudi Arabia. He said a lack of spare parts because of the sanctions made it impossible for Libyan planes to carry the pilorims.

Egypt has already offered to carry Libyans to Saudi Arabia, and has obtained UN approval for 40 flights from Tripoli and the port of Benghazi to Jedda. starting April 10.

Gaddafi said although he had no objections to other countries seeking permission, Libya would not do it

"Egypt or any other country can obtain permission for itself," he said in the speech, which was monitored by the BBC, "It is not our business if they apply for permission."

Gaddaft meanwhile agreed to send back to Cairo three Egyptian hijackers who commandeered a plane to Libya last week saying they had a message from God for world leaders. Egypt

Information Minister Safwat el-Sherif told Egypt's Middle East News Agency that Gaddafi also agreed to turn over all documents related to the hijack. He said the documents would be transferred but it was unclear when the hijackers would be returned.

There was no immediate confirmation from the Libyan government.

Last week. a 42-year-old Egyptian, his 17-year-old son and a nephew hijacked an Egypt Air jet after it landed in the southern town of Luxor on a

stopover from Jedda to Cairo.

The plane, with 145 tourists abroad, was flown to Libya where the three surrendered to authorities. No one was hurt in the incident.

The hijackers, Luxor cafeteria owner Mohammed Mahmoud Hamid Selim, his son Khaled and his nephew Ahmed used a Molotov cocktail and a bag of gunpowder to commandeer the plane. (Agencies)

# Jordan signals business must compete for trade

JORDAN'S move to slash trade with Iraq has served warning to its industrialists and businessmen that they should compete for world trade or else face marginalization.

"An industry can't be based on one market and be subjected to its ups and downs." Planning Minister Rima Khalaf told traders angered by the recent move to cut exports to Iraq by nearly half.

Jordan, citing over \$1.2 billion in outstanding Iraqi debts owed, cut official 1996 protocol trade with Iraq, its main market for the last two decades, to just over \$200 million.

Officials said the decision, which followed a cooling of ties since Jordan began calling for changes in Baghdad after top Iraqi defections last August, was taken on pure economic grounds. But as painful as the move is

But as painful as the move is for some, it could spur government and business to speed up the changes needed to join the mainstream world economy. Jordanian officials hope for a free-trade deal with the European Union by the year 2010 and say talks are planned on the kingdom's request to join the World Trade Organization.

Trade with Israel, based on an accord signed last October, will start soon, the first between the states since their 1994 peace treaty. Many are eyeing a potential lucrative Palestinian market evolving next door.

"We are heading towards these major [trade] groupings. There is a big challenge for Jordan to deepen its institutions," said Khaldoon Abu Hassan, head of the influential Jordanian Chambers of Industry.

"We have to keep Jordan's economy and society fit to face these challenges ... our experts have to rise to the standards."

Steps such as last year's lowering of trade barriers sharply divided Jordanian industrialists and traders, who are used to government protection from foreign competition.

But many businessmen in commanding positions have grown wealthy from government deals or monopolies; and industrialists reliant on trade with Iraq have often sold low-quality goods not acceptable elsewhere. Even those willing to change

face obstacles. Loans for industrial projects carry high interest rates. Government red tape is discouraging foreign investors. It can take years just to obtain a telephone.

I fear that if the government continues these practices, Jordanian capital will flow out of the country," said leading industrialist Mohammad Samih Barakat. Jordan's non-diversified econo-

my is burdened with a bloated public sector, high unemployment and growing poverty. Schools fail to prepare students, dumping poorly qualified graduates onto a saturated labor market. Low salaries force many of the best to seek jobs abroad.

The government says it is trying to improve its performance and boost the private sector by giving more legal guarantees and incentives to promote exports. Although there is much to be done, Jordan can take heart from its performance since the Gulf crisis forced many Jordanian factories to close, cut employees or find new markets.

while some traders still look to a future in trade with Iraq – and ignore the potential of that with Israel – others have broken free. Many Western-educated members of a new generation are focusing on more international

They believe that reforms are now the only solution and are seizing chances by improving quality and seeking foreign partners to acquire technology. Many have succeeded since the Gulf crisis in selling clothes, food and pharmaceuticals to Western markets.

"You have to be able to compete in price and quality ... what are the alternatives?" said Zeyad Salah. managing director of a contracting company.

"Let us make use of available opportunities to develop the economy and safeguard our children's future, as wars these days are fought economically, not with guns." (Reuter)

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the information in this book is not intended to belittle or degrade our parents, neither am I saying that I could have prevented those days of destruction if I had been in their shoes. I don't know what I would have done or taught having lived under the same circumstances. I do not doubt however, after studying the trials that our ancestors were faced with, that these ugly HORRORS WILL AGAIN LIFT THEIR HEADS, and that we will most definitely see and experience history repeating itself if we do the same things our forefathers did.

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segregating and impoverishing all European Jews in Nazi-occupied territories. By the time the war was over in 1945, SIX MILLION of the nine million Jews living in Europe (two-thirds of the Jewish population in Europe) had been MURDERED and two millennia of Jewish civilization had been brought to an end.

this book is written not to condemn our ancestors for the mistakes they made, but for a WARNING to every one living today whose ancestry is of Hebrew descent. If we go the way of our ancestors and make the SAME MISTAKES they made, we are indeed asking for the SAME CURSES to come upon us at the hands of our enemies today that our ancestors suffered at the hand of those who harbored hatred at that time for the Hebrew people, simply because they were born Hebrew.

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of its balance sheets.

More specifically, with its generous increases of public-sector salaries by 16% in real terms since 1992 – while private-sector

pay grew by 4% - and with its failure to launch an ambitious pri-

vatization program, the govern-ment actively fueled a dramatic

From his vantage point, Frenkel

was therefore compelled to warn

that the economy's currently robust growth - 7.1% last year and 6% on average annually since the beginning of the decade -

would not persist should there be

Sadly, the validity of this com-

mon sense is not only the subject of

a futile debate, but in fact Frenkel's

upper hand in the struggles sur-

For many officials, politicians

rounding it is by no means secure.

and industrialists, a strong shekel

means harder work. To bureau-

crats it means deciding which

redundant fellow-bureaucrats to

sack, to politicians it means con-

fronting powerful unions of

defunct state companies, and to

industrialists it means storming

world markets bare chested,

shorn of government protection

in the form of a weaker currency.

It's all very tough, but equally inevitable. Molesting Frenkel for having reacted to all this in the most

reasonable monetary way - is

absurd. All complaints should be

addressed to those who shaped the

landscape in which he is compelled

to maneuver with the means placed

In a country where public atten-tion is understandably focused else-

where, and where decision-makers

are prone to kill the prophet and

place a yes-man at the helm of the

central bank, it is crucial that some-

one tell us the naked macro-eco-

Unfortunately, though expect-edly, the entire political system

all but ignores the deficit crisis

generally, and the Bank of Israel's

report specifically. In all likeli-

at his disposal by law.

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no major fiscal about-face.

acceleration of consumption.

ONE can hardly envy Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel these days. Faced with a wasteful government, sheepish Treasury officials and an often short-sighted industrial establishment, he increasingly seems like a cardiologist among witch doctors.

The full scope of the govern-ment's fiscal licentiousness, though long well-known, is systematically presented in the Bank of Israel's annual report, officially released to

the public vesterday. Considering the exceptionally delicate circumstances - with the political system bracing for an election and Frenkel's own term expiring in four months the governor made a special effort to choose his words carefully vesterday.

Still, they came out scathing.

A deficit-ridden government should be no different from an indebted household, which is expected to reduce costs to match earnings, explained Frenkel.

In other words, 1995's trade eficit of more than \$11 billion. current account deficit which exceeded \$4b., and budget deficit which equaled 3.5% of gross domestic product, could not possibly have resulted from the shekel's ostensibly too high exchange rate or the central bank's tight monetary policy. Rather, they were the equivalent of that household continuing to borrow and spend while denying the painful, but obvious, meaning



hood leading stars of this elec-tion campaign have barely a vague idea of what's written in it. Hopefully, they will at least not stand in Frenkel's way come July.

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Five more years Scitex shareholders reject Gilo's bid

> THE four largest shareholders of Scitex yesterday announced their rejection of high-tech entrepre-neur Davidi Gilo's proposal to gain control of the company.

shareholders International Paper Company, PEC Israel Economic Corp., Discount Investment and Clal Electronics Industries - who collectively hold about 36% of the issued and outstanding shares of Scitex, released the following

"Davidi Gilo's proposal to negotiate an acquisition of Scitex at a purported offer price of \$20 per share represents the wrong direction for Scitex.

We are not interested in pursuing a sale of our Scitex shares, and certainly not on the terms that Mr. Gilo implied. We believe that the best interests of all shareholders are served by permitting the company to realize its full poten-

Gilo's hostile takeover bid earlier this week was to purchase Scitex for \$856 million, approximutely 44 percent above its market value.

Gilo said he is willing to negotiate a transaction to acquire Scitex for \$20 per share in cash, about 44% over the price of the

company's stock on March 29, the last day of trading before the proposal was publicly announced.

Capital market analysts expressed surprise at the shareholders' decision and predicted that if Scitex continues to register losses, the shareholders are likely to replace Scitex chairman Dov Tadmor on the basis of "incompe-

The analysts said they expected the shareholders to agree to the offer on condition that the sale price is raised, as is customary in proposals of this kind.

"If they [the major shareholders] do not sell, they will be faced with a problem," a source said. "Assuming that Scitex performance does not improve in a year's time, and the share drops to \$14 or \$16 per share, the company's shareholders may decide to get rid of David Weinshal [manager of Clal one of the major shareholders] and Tadmor.

"Already today, the Scitex board of management is critical of Tadmor's and Weinshal's management of the company," the source said. "Their decision to reject the proposal puts the shareholders' representatives in a bind. to contribute anything to the com-pany this year that they couldn't contribute in previous years."

Tadmor could not be reached

for comment. In a Scitex press release the board said that "the board has resolved to continue Scitex's strategy of exploring the options available to Scitex for maximizing shareholder value. In fact, the company has already taken a number of decisive actions to increase shareholder value -including acquisitions to realign Scitex's basic business strategy, management changes and signifi-

cant expense reductions. "Working closely with finan-cial adviser Alex Brown, the board will continue to vigorously pursue a program to further enhance our shareholders' invest-

ment in the company."
A source related to Gilo said the entrepreneur will not back off from his decision to gain control of Scitex.

"Davidi is decisive in his offer," the source said. "He worked on the subject with a team of people during the last few months and has considered all the possibili**BUSINESS BRIEFS** 

Et Al and American Airlines have signed an agreement for code-sharing on flights between Tel Aviv and Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, and New York. According to the agreement, a specified number of Et Al flights between Tel Aviv and New York and Chicago will also be listed as American Airlines flights. At the same time, certain American Airlines flights between New York and time, certain American Airlines flights between New York and Chicago, Los Angeles, and Miami will also be listed as El Al flights. The code-sharing arrangement provides passengers with more convenient flight schedules and the opportunity to make seat reservations and obtain boarding cards at their point of embarkation. Passengers will also be able to decide whether to use their frequent flyer unleage for El Al or American Airlines.

Haim Shapiro

Wednesday, April 3, 1996

Pepsi launches new-look can in \$500m. campaign: Pepsi painted a Concorde supersonic airliner electric blue yesterday as part of a \$500 million project to claw back the market from arch-rival Coca-Cola. In a razzmatazz media launch, PepsiCo Inc. changed the color of its cans from red, white, and blue and flew in supermodels Claudia Schiffer and Cindy Crawford, and US tennis star Andre Agassi, to publicize a series of television commercials they were hired to make. The campaign, called "Project Blue," is aimed at capturing the imagination of the teenage consumer market in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, and is seen as crucial to Pepsi Resident in the middle East, and Asia, and is seen as crucial to Pepsi sales in the next century.

New global arms export controls to be set up: Western and former communist nations were due to begin a closed-door meeting yesterday to set up a global control regime for military exports in the post-Cold War era, an Austrian Foreign Ministry spokesman said. The regime, known as the Wassenaar Arrangement, will be inaugurated after the two-day plenary session.

"I can't disclose where they are meeting, who is attending, nor what they are discussing," Foreign Ministry spokesman Stefan

# Unilever buys 60% of Witco Israel

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

UNILEVER, an Anglo-Dutch firm, has acquired 60 percent of Witco Israel, the home and personal care company, from the US Witco Corp, the companies announced yesterday.

The companies did not disclose the terms of the transaction. The remaining 40% of Witco's shares are owned by Delek Investments. "Through the acquisition, Unilever will make a significant

entry in the home and personal care markets in Israel, where Witco Israel has strong positions," Unilever said in a press release. Thanks to the new partnership, Witco Israel will benefit from the most advanced technical know-how supporting Unilever and local brands."

Witco Israel's 170 employees

were informed of the change in ownership yesterday. The Kiryat Ata based company has been engaged in the cleaning and detergent product market for more than 40 years. Its company's line of products include the Pinek, Clean, King, Image and

Clean Industry series. Unitever entered Israel last September, with the purchase of half the shares of Strauss ice cream. The international concern is publicly quoted, with an annual tamover of \$50 billion, \$15b. of which comes from its home and personal care activities.

The concern, which employs a total of 300,000 workers in 80 countries worldwide, is also engaged in the food and chemi-cals fields.

# **Bio-Technology** reports turnaround in net profits

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BIO-TECHNOLOGY General the manufacturer of engineered and other products for human health care, reported a turnaround in net profits last year to \$4.8 mil-lion, compared with a net loss of \$7.4m. in 1994.

Management said net income for the last two years reflected an extraordinary gain of \$1.4m. and \$1.5m. from debt, due to debt for-giveness and research and development revenue of about \$3 resulting from the return of warrants in connection with the wind-up of the company's rela-tionship with Bio-Cardia Corp. Revenues last year increased to \$28m. from \$17.4m. in 1994. Revenues from product sales rose 95% to \$21.4m. from \$11m.

The increase reflected broader worldwide distribution of the company's human growth hor-mone and hyaluronic acid, as well as the US launch of Oxandrin. Expenses declined 7%

# **Discount Bank** of NY names new president GALIT LIPKIS BECK

ISRAEL Discount Bank of New York has appointed Arie Sheer as

Sheet, currently chairman of Industrial Development Bank, will replace Aharon Cahane on

June 1. Sheer has past experience in governmental offices and banks and was recently named by Finance Minister Avraham Shohat as a suitable candidate to serve as chairman of the Tel Aviv Stock

He served as economic attache for Argentina from 1974-1979, Treasury representative in the US from 1981-1983 and the Treasury accountant general from 1983-

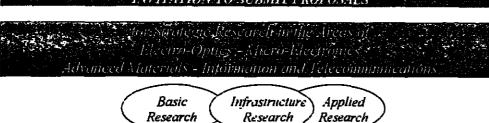
Since 1989, Sheer has served as active chairman for Industrial Development Bank

Israel Discount Bank of New York, Israel Discount Bank's largest subsidiary and the largest overseas Israeli bank, completed the year with an increase in net profit to \$24.5 from \$16.2m in



Poland's former president Lech Walesa stands by one of the electric trolleys he will repair after resuming his old job as a \$250-a-month electrician at the Gdansk shipyard yesterday. Walesa said he was returning to the ailing yard, where he established the Soviet bloc's first free trade union 15 years ago, mainly because the ex-communists now in power had still not passed a law giving him a pension as ex-president.

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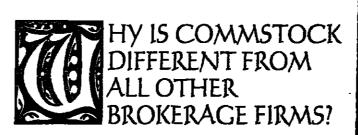
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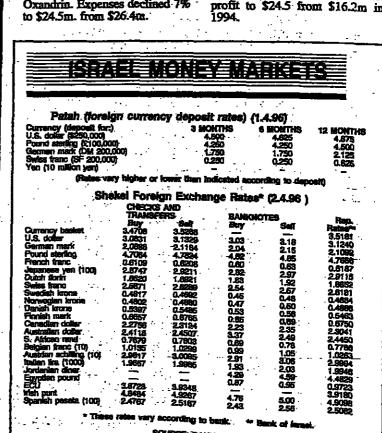
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# Teva leads TASE rebound

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Two-Sided index

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STOCKS rebounded from three days of losses yesterday, led by a 3.75 percent gain in shares of Teva.

The indexes finished a shortened trading week little changed. The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange will be closed today and tomorrow for Pessah.

Also this week, Bank Hapoalim reported fourth-quarter earnings fell 32% on higher provisions for bad loans. Bank Hapoalim shares rose 3.4% yesterday, recouping Monday's 2% loss.

The Maof Index advanced 1.09% to 204.38, while the Two-Sided Index climbed 0.75% to 194.04.

The Maof lost 0.4% on the week; The Two-Sided shed Some NIS 90 million of shares

traded across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, about 13% more than the average during March. In the broader market, declin-

ing stocks outnumbered advancing issues more than 2 to 1.

Teva shares leaped as Biocraft Laboratories Inc. said it received US Food and Drug Administration clearance to market a generic version of an unclear drug mak-

er by a unit of Hoechst AG. Teva plans to acquire Biocraft for stock.

Teva's shares have been depressed recently by, among other things, the indictment of its chief executive, Eli Hurvitz, on Sunday. The charges relate to alleged tax evasion at Promedico, a Teva subsidiary from 1980 to 1986.

Clal Electronics, which jumped 6% on Monday, finished unchanged yesterday.

The most active share on the exchange, IDB Holdings, added 4% as NIS 14.6m. of shares changed hands. An affiliate, IDB Developement, rose 2,25% on

NIS 1.6m. traded. 1DB Holdings is the investment arm of Israel's Recanati family. Through another affiliate, Discount Investments, and through PEC Israel Economic Corp., a publicly traded investment company, ID Holdings controls 12.1% of Scitex.

Traders speculated that foreign investors were buying shares in IDB Holdings. They also suggested that the Recanati family itself might be buying some shares.

# European stocks rise **WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP**

LONDON (Reuter) - European stocks moved ahead yesterday, led by a strong performance in Paris, but many investors were nervous about interest rate prospects ahead of US employment figures due this week.

In Paris, shares climbed strongly by 0.75 percent - at one point touching a 19-month trading high of 2072.66 on the strength of takeover speculation and renewed confidence in the French economy.

# IBM gain pulls Dow up

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Bluechip stocks edged higher yesterday, drawing what strength they had from a rally in the shares of International Business Machines Corp., a component of the Dow Jones index.

At 1 p.m. EST, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 10.48 points at 5,648.20, pausing after

jumping 51 points on Monday. In the broader market, advancing issues led declines by a small margin on moderate volume of 237 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Nasdaq composite index was up 2.57 points at 1,109.14. The American Stock Exchange index was off 0.96 at 571.48.

Until the US switches its clocks for Daylight Savings Time, the Dow Jones results published in the paper will be from 3 p.m. New York time.

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# SHARON

(Continued from Page 1) To the question of whether in this Sharon misled the prime minister, the answer is in another question: whether the prime minister Menachem Begin knew at the beginning of the operation that the IDF intended to reach Beirut.... the answer is no. The prime minister intended to carry out an operation in the same extent as was approved by the government, that is 40 km. [into Lebanon] in an estimated time of 130 days.

"This means that until August 14, 1987 [Menachem Begin] thought that [Sharon] did not initially plan Operation Peace for Galilee to be far-ranging to include Beirut, but believed that the operation was expanded as a result of the chain of responses to immediate military exigencies on the ground."

Asked by the defense attorney whether this meant that his father knew he had been deceived by Sharon, Begin said that until August 14, 1987 his father did not know that Sharon had planned from the beginning of the war to reach Beirut.

The defense is trying to show through the deposition that Ha'aretz journalist Uzi Benziman was telling the truth when he said Menachem Begin knew that he had been deceived by Sharon.

Another deposition by Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna, then OC Northern Command, also claims Sharon deceived Begin.

"During the war [Operation Peace for Galilee] I came to the conclusion that defense minister Ariel Sharon was leading the government, then prime minister Menachem Begin, and the IDF astray. ...

"On the first nights of the war I heard defense minister Ariel Sharon explicitly demand not to provide a map that was too detailed, and not to give any sign the government might notice, and [heard him say] that he [the defense minister] didn't want the government to know. His demands were that the maps be prepared with a scale so that the national echelon wouldn't be able to see where the arrows were pointing. ...," read the deposition, also publicized

In another deposition released yesterday, Menachem Begin's personal secretary wrote that the premier's relations with Sharon soured during the war.

Yona Klimovitzky, the secretary, quoted Begin as saving about the army's activities: "There are things I know, and there are things I know retroactively."

"As the war went on the impression was created in the Prime Minister's Office and among some cabinet ministers that the defense minister, Ariel Sharon, was deceiving the prime minister...We tried our best to ensure that [Sharon] did not meet [Begin] alone,"

# Kentucky tops Syracuse for NCAA crown

EAST RUTHERFORD, NJ (AP) - No coach faced more pressure. No team applied it

Kentucky won its sixth national championship Monday night, its first since 1978, by thriving on the highest of demands that dogged the team from the very start of

The pressure ended, for now, with a 76-67 victory over Syracuse, giving coach Rick Pitino his first national title after seven years as Wildcats coach.

"I tried to use pressure as a motivator for our staff and players," he said. "Every fan they see on campus says, 'Win it all. Win it all.' I wanted the pressure to be a vehicle."

It was, and it drove them right to the top.

The victory capped a season that started with the Wildcats ranked No. 1 and it came thanks largely to the scoring of senior Tony Delk and freshman Ron Mercer and that pressure

Kentucky's rich tradition starts with the sport's winningest coach. Adolph Rupp. Under "The Baron," the Wildcats won four titles from 1948 to 1958. He won 876 games and lost 190 over 42

Joe B. Hall was the coach when the Wildcats won it all in 1978 and the program is the winningest in the history of college basketball with 1,649, two more than North Carolina. Its six titles are second only to UCLA's 11. "We're a little bit like the

Green Bay Packers," Pitino said. 'The entire state of Kentucky owns our basketball team." They may not own it, but they

root for it with all their hearts and demand excellence from it. Syracuse earned the respect a team deserves to get when it is a 14-point underdog and never even falls behind by that many

points. The Orangemen, who did

trail by 13 with 11 minutes left,

were within 64-62 with 4:46 to

Syracuse has the most NCAA tournament victories without a title. A 36th NCAA win would have meant a first national champiouship. Now, this Syracuse team joins the one-point losers to Indiana in the 1987 championship game in sustaining the most bitter defeats in school history.

"We knew it would be tough," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "Kentucky made a couple of great plays when they had to. Delk is a great senior and a great

Delk, voted the outstanding player, finished with 24 points and tied the championship game record with seven 3-pointers. The Wildcats (34-2) finished with 12 3s, critical in cracking Syracuse's 2-3 zone. Kentucky tied the championship game record for 3s by a team.

Syracuse (29-9) played only three reserves, were ourscored 26-0 and took just one shot.

Mercer came up with a careerhigh 20 points, all but six of the points the deep Kentucky bench provided. More important, the extra bodies enabled the Wildcats to keep up the defensive pressure; Syracuse finished with 24 turnovers, 19 more than it had in the semifinal win over Mississippi

John Wallace, the senior who returned to school rather than enter the NBA last year, finished with 29 points and 10 rebounds. But he left the game in tears when he fouled out with 1:06 to play and Kentucky leading 72-67.

"It was a hard-hitting game. You can't worry about personal fouls," Wallace said. "I play regardless. I don't care how many fouls were on me. It was the last game of my college career."

Kentucky, which beat topranked Massachusetts 81-74 in the semifinals in a very physical game, shot 38 percent against Syracuse, the lowest percentage by a winning team in the championship game since Loyola of Chicago shot 27 percent in 1963.



WILDCAT STRIKE - University of Kentucky players celebrate NCAA victory. Coach Rick Pitino (foreground) savors the Wildcats' 6th NCAA championship.

to come back from that game and win shooting the percentage we shot," Pitino said, referring to Saturday's semifinal.

Kentucky had won its first five tournament games by an average of 28.2 points and the blowout that most people expected in the title game looked like a distinct possibility when Delk's fourpoint play with 11:12 left gave the Wildcats a 59-46 lead.

But the Orangemen came up with a 12-3 run and Wallace's three-point play got them within 62-58 with 7:58 left.

"They showed tremendous heart and guts," Pitino said. Wallace made two free throws

with 4:46 left to make it 64-62. Syracuse was there long after it had been expected to fold up and go away. In fact, Kentucky called a timeout with 5:24 to play because its players looked exhausted.

Delk missed a 3-pointer, but Walter McCarty tipped it in, and after Jason Cipolla missed a driving jumper for Syracuse, Derek Anderson got the backbreaker of the 12 3-pointers with 3:52 left.

"It came down to those two plays really," Boeheim said. "They've been the best team in the country for most of the year with Massachusetts. We put ourselves in a position to win the

The Orangemen were able to get within five points one more time, but soon Kentucky had its title and Pitino was able to cut

down the nets.

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Anderson and Antoine Walker each had 11 points for Kentucky. Forward Todd Burgan, who did a

great job helping handle the fullcourt pressure, finished with 19

points for the Orangemen. Lazarus Sims, the Syracus point guard expected to have trouble against the pressure, finished with six points, seven assists and seven turnovers. He missed i couple of minutes in the second half after he injured his left wrist in a collision. The Orangemen turned the ball over on each of the three possessions he missed.

Syracuse couldn't have asked for more from the zone in the first. half as Kentucky struggled with its shooting from everywhere With the exception of Delk's three 3-pointers in the openingeight minutes, the Wildcats were missing layups, drives, short, jumpers and long ones.

A 3-pointer by Wallace with 3:00 left in the half tied it 28-28; then Mercer and Delk combined for all the points in a 12-2 runover the next 1:49.

Mercer, considered the best high school player in the country last season, started the spurt with a three-point play, and his second 3-pointer of the game was sandwiched by two 3s from Delk.

Otis Hill's three-point play got Syracuse within 40-33, but Walk. er made two free throws with 36. seconds left and the Wildcats had a a 42-33 halftime lead.

"I'm proud of my guys," Boeheim said. "They came back. My kids had so much heart all year and in this tournament, and I think they gained respect.

"I told them at halftime, it is" enough when you give everything

When it was over, Pitino had a. huge smile on his face and the thousands of blue-clad 'Cats fans. savored the moment they had? been waiting for for 18 years. But then Pitino quickly re-

turned to his world of pressure. "I'm not relieved," he said. "We've got to go out and get; ourselves a big man. So recruiting is on my mind right now. I'm; going to allow myself a day or two-

# Reds-Expos game postponed after umpire collapses and dies

CINCINNATI (AP) - Umpire John McSherry, who planned to see doctors the next day about an irregular heart beat, collapsed on the field seven pitches into Cindied at a hospital about an hour

The Reds and Montreal Expos postponed the game about an hour after McSherry collapsed. It was scheduled to be replayed in its entirety vesterday.

University Hospital said McSherry died of "sudden cardiac death," a condition in which the heart beats out of control.

McSherry, 51, was listed at 328 lbs. and had a history of medical problems. He had told the other umpires that he was going to be treated Tuesday for arrhythmia. or abnormal heart beat.

McSherry, the crew chief and home plate umpire, turned away two minutes into the top of the first inning and headed for the tunnel behind the plate that leads to the umpires' dressing room. He fell face-first when he reached the warning track.

McSherry was believed to be the first major league umpire to be fatally stricken during a game. Ray Chapman is the only player to die after an on-field accident he was beaned by Carl Mays in 1920 and died shortly thereafter.

Braves 10, Giants 8 Greg Maddux wasn't at his best, but he was still good enough. And so was Atlanta.

Maddux, winner of an unprecedented four straight Cy Young Awards, allowed nine hits and four runs in 5% innings as the Braves opened defense of their World Series championship with a home win.

The Braves hit five homers off three San Francisco pitchers, but Atlanta barely held on in the ninth. Trailing 10-5, the Giants scored three times off Mark Wohlers on Mel Hall's RBI single and Glenallen Hill's two-run homer before Pedro Borbon got Shawon Dunston on a fly to left for a save.

Ryan Klesko had a two-run homer and two-run single for Atlanta. Jeff Blauser, Fred McGriff, Mark Lemke and Jerome Walton also homered for the Braves.

Mets 7, Cardinals 6 Host New York thrilled its opening-day crowd of 42,060 by rallying from a six-run deficit.



GRIEF-STRICKEN - Cincinnati Reds manager Ray Knight consoles third base umpire Tom Hallion as they watch paramedics trying to resuscitate home plate umpire John McSherry. The 51-year-old umpire died of a heart attack.

Held to four hits by Andy Be- made two nice plays up the midnes and trailing 6-3 through six innings, the Mets strung together five singles and a sacrifice fly to score four times in the seventh and spoil Tony La Russa's debut as St. Louis' manager.

homer and former Cardinal Bernard Gilkey had a solo home run and a key single for the Mets.

Todd Hundley hit a two-run Rookie shortstop Rey Ordonez

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cubs 5, Padres 4 (10) Ryne Sandberg warmed Cubs fans at frosty Wrigley Field with his return to baseball, and Mark Grace made the celebration com-

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dle, including a diving stop to

throw out Willie McGee to end

the game. The victory was a car-

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Sandberg, the National's League's MVP in 1984, went 0for-3 with two walks, but the second baseman handled seven chances flawlessly in his first game in nearly two years.

Grace slapped his decisive single to left field with one out in the 10th, immediately after Sandberg's second walk of the game had loaded the bases off loser Trevor Hoffman. Sandberg received a big ova-

tion when introduced before the game, and a louder and longer one when he walked to the plate in the bottom of the first. It was his first game since June 10, 1994, when he abruptly retired. Dodgers 4, Astros 3 Todd Hollandsworth began the

Los Angeles Dodgers' chase for a fifth straight NL Rookie of the Year award, hitting a three-run double in an opening day victory over Houston. With Houston leading 1-0 in

the fifth, Brent Butler, Mike Piazza and Eric Karros hit consecutive one-out singles to tie the score. Mike Blowers walked with two outs, loading the bases, and Hollandsworth drove a pitch from Shane Reynolds to center, with the ball rolling to the fence. The game drew 34,375 to the

Astrodome, leaving about 18,000 empty seats. Astros owner Drayton McLane has threatened to move or sell the team unless attendance improves this season.

Ramon Martinez won his seventh consecutive decision for the Dodgers, allowing three runs and six hits in six innings.

Pirates 4, Marlins 0 Paul Wagner pitched 6% scoreless innings and rookie Jason Kendall drove in two runs for the visiting Bucs.

Before a sellout crowd of 41.815, Kendall made his major league debut at age 21, going 3for-4 with two RBI singles and a double. The catcher also threw out a runner attempting to steal. Jav Bell added a two-out, two-

run double in the eighth. Wagner, who had a major league-high 16 losses last season. earned the victory by allowing just two hits and one walk while striking out five.

Marlins starter Kevin Brown, making his first NL appearance after 213 comes in the AL, was the loser, allowing one run and six hits in seven innings.

# Jays hit jackpot in Vegas

known for slot machines and pok- Puckett out of the opening-day er tables, the Toronto Blue Jays opened their season with three of a kind: home runs.

Major league baseball made its Vegas debut Monday night, and the Blue Jays beat the Oakland Athletics 9-6 behind homers by Domingo Cedeno.

The A's were forced out of the Oakland Coliseum this week because of uncompleted renovations, so they'll play their first six games at Cashman Field. The game drew 7,294 to the 9,353seat ballpark, the home of the Triple A Las Vegas Stars.

In one of the lighter moments before the game, an Elvis impersonator joked and chatted with some of the players and played to the crowd strumming a bat. Desert winds gusting to 26 mph

helped the power hitters. Terry Steinbach connected for the A's. Erik Hanson got the win in his Toronto debut, allowing three runs and four hits in seven innings with five strikeouts and four walks. Tony Castillo and Mike Timlin finished the five-hitter. with Timlin getting three outs for

Twins 8, Tigers 6 Brad Radke and Matt Lawton made sure Minnesota didn't need Kirby Puckett on opening day.

With vision problems keeping lineup for the first time since 1984, Radke struck out a career-

hits and two RBIs in Puckett's place as the Twins won at home. Radke, making the first opening-day start, gave up five singles in six innings. Dave Stevens worked the ninth for the save.

high eight and Lawton had two

After John Flaherty opened the second with a hit, Radke retired 15 of the last 17 batters he faced. Dave Hollins had two hits. two RBIs and two runs scored in his Minnesota debut before a crowd of 30,195 at the

Felipe Lira was the loser, giving up six runs and eight hits in three innings.

Ken Hill, making his debut for Texas, allowed eight hits in 83/

Craig Worthington, starting, because Dean Palmer has an injured hamstring, homered for the . Rangers, who drew 40,484 to The Ballpark in Arlington, about 8.000 short of a sellout.

Hill pitched for St. Louis and. Cleveland last year, then signed an \$8.15 million, two-year deal with Texas. He struck out seven and walked none. After Tim-Nachring homered in the ninth, Ed Vosberg finished for the save.

Roger Clemens, 3-1 in seven' season openers coming in, allowed four runs and three hits in five innings, struck out five and walked six.

# And some are rained out

BALTIMORE (AP) - President Clinton got another 24 hours to loosen up his throwing arm.

Clinton and thousands of baseball fans had to change their plans Monday after a steady rain postponed the season-opener between the Baltimore Orioles and Kansas City Royals at Camden Yards. The game was scheduled to be made up yesterday, when the forecast is for sunny skies and cool temperatures.

Clinton decided against throwing the ceremonial first pitch at last year's opener because of the baseball strike. Rain in Philadelphia and snow in Cleveland caused postponement of the Phillies-Rockies and Indians-Yankees games. Both were scheduled to be played yesterday.

# IFA court hears Ramat Gan, Taiba case

**DEREK FATTAL** 

THE Israel Football Association's Disciplinary Court last night heard evidence from representatives of Hapoel Ramat Gan and Hapoel Taiba concerning last weekend's Second Division meeting between the two sides which had to be abandoned after one of the linesmen was struck by Ramat Gan player Yuval Naim.

By press time last night no verdict had been handed down by

Naim sought to defend charges of bringing the game into disrepute claiming that he did not intentionally make contact with the official. Taiba club official Rafik hai

Yihye was also present at the proceedings, and was expected to give evidence concerning his actions following the game's abandonment

Players cleared of drugs allegations

LONDON (Reuter) - English soccer players Lee Sharpe and Nicky Summerbee have been cleared of accusations of drug-taking, the Football Association said on yesterday.

The FA had asked England international Sharpe's Manchester United club and Summerbee's Manchester City to investigate allegations by a British newspaper last month.

"Manchester United and Manchester City have exonerated their players Lee Sharpe and Nicky Summerbee of any involvement with drug abuse," an FA statement said.

# Israel rugby team to host Luxembourg

THE Israel Rugby Football Union will host its first-ever international fixture when the national team takes on Luxembourg on Sunday, April 7.

The game will be played at the new Herzliya municipal soccer stadium at 3 pm.

The Pool B5 match is organized by the Paris-based Federation Internationale de Rugby Amaleur and will feature French international referee Daniel

For further information, telephone 09-452219

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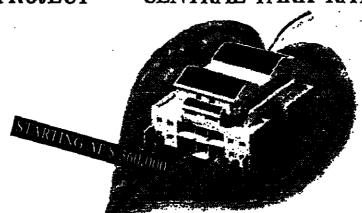
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15:90 The Flintstones - cartoon 15:30 Speed Racer 15:50 Bill Nye 16:15 Speed Racer 15:50 Bill Nye 16:15 Dinosaurs 16:45 The Secret World of Alex Mac 17:00 TAO 18:00 French programs 20:30 News headlines programs 20:30 News headlines 20:35 Evening Shade - comedy 21:00 World Net - documentary 21:25 The Bold and the Beautiful 22:10 Nautitus-documentary 23:00 News in English 23:25 Air Wolf 00:20 The Silk Road 1:30 The Good Life -

#### ■ MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 The 700 Ctub 15:55 Battle of El-Alamein — Historic epic of the standoff between Montgomery's Eighth Army and Rommer's forces 16:30 Dennis the Menace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Fables of the Green Forest 17:45 Another Life 18:10 Hart To Hart 19:10 The A Team 20:00 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:30 CNN Headline News 21:00 Coach 21:30 Matlock 22:20 Magnum P.I. 23:30 The 700 Club 00:00 Special Program

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#### **IIIV 3 (33)**

17:00 Cartoons 17:30 Royal Tears 18:30 Panel discussion in Arabic 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 News in Russian 20:00 Mabat news 20:15 Festival on Ice - the Russian Circus presents ballet, clowns, trained dogs and dancing bears 21:25 Hollywood Clowns - tunnymen of the silver screen 22:00 Yani - special concert by Greek-American singer

#### ETV 2 (23)

#### No broadcasts FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Second Time Around 10:55 W.K.R.P. in Cincinnati 11:25 Celeste (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The A Team 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:45 Melrose Place 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Models Inc. 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 A Romance in Sections (1985, Hebrew) - Screen adaptation of Yitzhak Ben-Ner's novel.

A lawyer talls in love with his ex-wife. With Haim Topol and Galya Topol. Directed by Oded Kotiler. 21:30 To Steal From a Thief (1977, Hebrew) - comedy of errors by Ze'ev Revah 23:00 Precious Bables 00:30 Woman on Trial - drama mini-series

10:30 Les Amies De Ma Femme

#### MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

(1992, French) - comedy (84 mins. (rpt) 12:00 Street War (1992) (rpt 13:30 Anists and Models (1955) -Dean and Lewis comedy (108 mins.) (pt) 15:20 Darkness Before Dawn (1982) (pt) 16:50 Go For It (1983, Italian) – two impersonators end up with a suitcase full of Mafia money (104 mins.) 18:40 Frogs — adventure comedy with Elliott Gould and Shelly Duvall 20:20 Powaqqatsi (1988) – Impressionistic montage of scenes around the world, showing how traditional cultures are uproof-ed from their land and noots by modernity. Directed by Godfrey Reggio; music by Philip Glass. (98 mins.) 22:00 Under Suspicion (1992) — British suspense film starring Liam Neeson and Laura San Giacomo 23:45 Butcher's Wife (1991) - A fortune teller marries a Greenwich Village butcher, and creates excitement when she comes to the big city. Starring Demi Moore, Jeff Daniels. 1:30 Double Cross (1994) (rpt) 3:00
Armed Response (rpt) 4:30 Sins of the Mother (1991) - A domineering mother runs the life of her successful businessman son – until a younger woman intervenes. (90

#### E CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 10:00 Six in the Spring – live studio 10:10 The Heart 10:45 Power Rangers 11:15 Sweet Valley High 11:45 Harry and the Valley High 11:45 Harry and the Hendersons 12:20 Harry and the Hendersons 13:00 Muddling Through 13:30 Hugo 14:00 Surprise Garden 14:30 Six in Spring (rpt) 14:40 The Heart (rpt) 15:15 Power Rangers (rpt) 15:45 Sweet Valley High (rpt) 16:15 Harry and the Hendersons 16:50 Harry and the Hendersons 17:30 Muddling Through (rpt) 13:10 Harry and the Hendersons 17:30 Muddling Through (rpt) 13:10 Harry and the Hendersons 17:30 Muddling Through (rpt) 13:10 Harry and the Hendersons 17:30 Muddling Through (rpt) 13:10 Harry and the Hendersons 17:30 Muddling Through (rpt) 13:10 Harry and the Hendersons 17:30 Muddling Through (rpt) 13:10 Harry Amelian H Muddling Through (rpt) 18:00 Hugo (rpt) 18:35 Ketchup Vampires (rpt) 19:00 C.O.W. Boys 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Step By Step 20:50 My Big Brother Jack 21:20 Cheers

# ■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Olivier, Ofivier (1993, French) The disappearance of their nine-year-old son destroys a French rural family. Six years later a young man suffering from amnesia turns up. Is it he? Starring François François Stevenin, Written and

directed by Agnieszka Holland. (104 mins.) 23:45 The Killing (1956) — An ex-con plans the periect race-rack robbery - but greed destroys his plan. Starring Sterling Hayden, Coleen Gray, Vince Edwards and Marie Windsor. One of Starriey Kubrick's first films. (80 mins.)

# E DISCOVERY (8)

12:00 Meeting the Real Penguin (rpt) 13:00 Open University 16:00 Meeting the Real Penguin 17:00 The Red Bomb (rpt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 Tenor Concert - 14 tenors sing choice operatic selec-tions 23:00 Telescope 00:30 Kelth

#### SUPER CHANNEL

7:00 NBC News 7:30 ITN News 8:00 The Today Show 10:00 Supershop 11:00 European Money Wheel 16:30 Morning Report from Wall Street - live 18:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Toright 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Voyager 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Dateline 22:30 ITN News 23:80 PGA Golf 00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with

#### STAR PLUS

6:00 Aerobics 6:30 The Artist and Professor 7:00 Beverly illes 7:30 Fish Dishes 8:00 E! TV 8:30 Gabrielle 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Oprah Winfrey 12:00 Remington Steele 13:00 Fish Remington Steele 13:00 Fish Dishes 13:30 El TV 14:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turdes 14:30 Small Wonder 15:00 Black Stallion 15:30 Batman 16:00 Home and Away 16:30 Entertainment Tonight 17:00 M\*A\*S\*H 17:30 Golden Girls 18:00 Empty Nest 18:30 NYPD Blue 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 Hard Copy 21:30 The Extraordinary 22:30 Picket Fences 23:30 Entertainment Tonight 00:00 Oprah Winfrey 1:00 Hard Copy 1:30 Home and Away 2:00 The Sullivans

#### E CHANNEL 5

US College Basketball Championship 10:30 American Soccer 13:30 Miss Fitness – beauty and fitness contest 14:30 Women's Baskerball 16:15 Argentine Soccer League 18:40 Brazilian Soccer 17:15 Championship in Mistral Surfing 17:45 World Championship in Beach Volleyball 18:30 Israel National Soccer League 19:00 Championship soccer 20:30 NBA Basketball 22:15 Europe

# Soccer - five 1:00 Boxing

# **FUROSPORT**

9:30 Car racing 11:00 Challenge sports 12:00 Adventure Sports 13:00 Soccer: semi-finals (rpt) International Baske 16:30 Leisure Sport Magazina 17:00 Challenge sports 18:00 Adventure sports: the Dolomite man 18:30 Surfing 18:45 Sport
Magazine 19:00 Formula 1: Car
Racing 19:30 Motor Sport
Magazine 21:00 Mountain Bike Pacing 22:00 Obstacle Course 23:00 Boding 00:00 Formula 1: Car racing 00:30 Tennis: ATP Tournament preview 1:00 Show

#### PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Cricket: India vs Sri Lank Live 12:30 Show Jumping 13:30
Futbol Mondiai 14:00 International
Motor Sports Magazine 15:00 Golf.
European rounds 16:00 Athletics 17:00 Asian Sports 17:30 Cricket. New Zealand vs West Indies - live

#### BBC WORLD

News on the hour 7:05 The Great Trek (rpt) 10:05 Horizon (rpt) 11:30 Holiday (rpt) 12:30 Time Out: Film '96 (rpt) 15:05 Panorama (rpt) 16:15 World Business Report 16:30 Asia & Pacific News 17:30 From the East 18:05 The Great Trek (rpt) 19:30 Top Gear (rpt) 22:05 Rough Guide to the Americas 23:30 Food and Drink 00:00 World Business

#### E CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day 7:30 Inside Politics 9:30 Moneyline (pt) 10:30 World Report 11:30 Showbiz Today 12:39 CNN Newsroom 13:39 World Report 14:00 Business Day 15:00 Asia News 15:30 World Sport 16:00 Asia News 16:30 Business 16:00 Asia News 16:30 Business Asia 17:00 Larry King Live 18:30 World Sport (rpt) 19:30 Business Asia (rpt) 20:00 World Business Today 20:30 CNN World News 23:00 Larry King (rpt) 1:00 World Business Today Update 1:30 World Sport 2:00 World News Survey

#### SKY NEWS

News on the hour 6:30 CBS News 7:30 ABC World News 11:30 Travel 7:30 ABC World News 11:30 Travet Magazine 12:30 ABC Nightline 15:30 CBS News this Morning 16:30 Live from Perfament 19:06 News Live 20:30 Tonight with Adam Boutton 21:30 Sportstine 22:30 Newsmakers 1:30 CBS Evening News 2:30 ABC Evening News

# RADIO

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6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Chopin: Pieno trio in G minor on 8 (Beaux Arts); Weber: Quintet in 8 flat for clarinet and strings op 34 (Nash); Mozart Symphony no 29 (English CO/Barenboim); CO/Barenboim); Schubert:
Symphony no 5 (Vienna PO/Boehm);
Berfioz: Symphonie fantastique (New Phil/Stokowsky) 12:09 Light:
Classical – works by furt Well 13:00 Violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter.
Lutoslawski: Partita for violin, orch and piano obbligato; Mozert: Simionia concertante in E flat K384 14:06 The Sophi of the Niightingale 18:00 Song of the Nightingale 18:00 Mozart 4 Songs arr for reporder ensemble (Renanim Ens); Muhiler: Mozart 4 Sorus ansemble (Renamim Ens); Mathler: symphony no 5 (Cologna RSO/Bertira); Bach: 3 Choral Prekudes, Prekude and Fugue for organ (BWV 728, 659, 708, 532) 18:00 Glinka: Valtations on themse by Mozart (Mildonian, harp); Schumann: Sonata no 1 in A minor for victin and piano op 105 (Zukerman, Naikrug); Ravel: Sonatina for piano (Entremont); Mozart Trio in E flet for clarinet, viola and piano K498 (Meyer, Zimmermann, Höli); Max Bruch: Pieces for clarinet, viola and Bruch: Pieces for clarinet, viola and (Meyer, Zimmermann, Front, Mas Bruch: Pieces for clarinet, viola and piano from op 83 (Meyer, Zimmermann, Höll) 19:00 Voice of Music joins Radio 1 and 2 for special holiday broadcast

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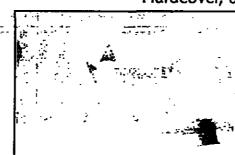
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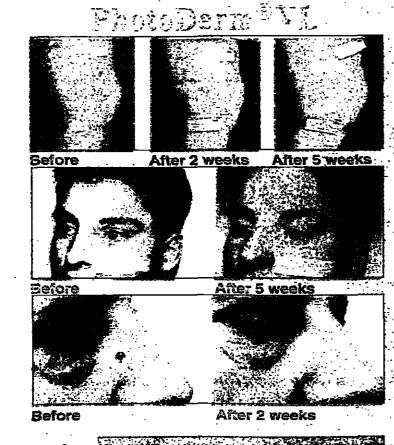
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Armon Zadok (alternating with Yelinda Barkan) and Ofra Weingarten star in 'Zorba the Greek' at the Tel Aviv Cinerama. (Yossi Zviker) Strain Strain

# PESSAH-

#### HELEN KAYE

MENAHEM Golan's musical adaptation of Zarba the Greek opens tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Cinerama with Yehuda Barkan in the title role, Ofra Weingarten as Bobbolina and Amnon Fisher as the American writer Nikos. At 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. (Hebrew). The kids can see his production of Utali Guzli ("Rumpelstiltskin") at 11 a.m.

"A children's theater festival starts on Saturday in Haifa with lots of plays and free shows at the Haifa Theater and at venues all over the city. The plays begin at 7 p.m. and at 7:30 there's a parade in the mall and at Gan Binyamin the Red Texans. Also on Saturday there are events at some national parks for all the family. Call the National Parks Anthority at (03) 576-6888.

- Tapdancing takes center stage at Ra'anana on Saturday with hoofers Ira Bernstein, Barbara Duffy, Lisa Hopkins, Van Porter and our own Avi Miller and Ofer Ben. Yad Labanim at 9 p.m.

# MUSIC.

#### MICHAEL AFZENSTADT

THERE are lots of music festivals taking place all over the country in the next few days with artists roving between Holon and Tiberias, Em Gev and Misgav for example. In Holon (Friday to Monday) you can hear among others. Yaffa Yarkoni and Shoshana Damari in a special performance (Menday at 9), an evening with the

Gevarron (Sunday,, 9) and a special Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach program (Sunday, 8:30 & 11). In Ein Gev (Sunday-Tuesday) you can enjoy music all day long - including Aviv Gefen (Monday, 9) and David Broza (Tuesday, 9) while in Tiberias (Thursday-Monday) you can enjoy Rita (Thursday, 9:30), Boaz Sharabi and Ehud Manor (Saturday, 9:30) and a special program of songs translated by Ehud Manor (Sunday, 9) with, among others, Ilanit, Corinne Allal, David D'Or and Haim Mosbe.

#### TELEVISION

#### MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE all-time classic story of Peter and the Wolf comes alive courtesy of Prokofiev's delightful musical score and the very animated and imaginative version of the Spitting Image puppet the-ater. Come and meet the Marx Brothers as the hunters and the one and only Sting, as a Spitting Image puppet, as the narrator. Thursday (8 p.m.) on the Discovery Channel.

In Kylian's Kaguyahime is one of the Czech choreographer's masterpieces, a full-length opus which tells a powerful myth about a moon princess who is not allowed to enjoy human love. Danced to a captivaring Japanese score with live music preformed on taiko drums, Kaguyahime is a performance of magic and dramatic power which any dance-, theater- or art-lover will cherish. Last summer Kylian's Nederlands Dans Theater presented this work live in Tel Aviv to sold-out houses. Now you can watch it on the Discovery Channel on Saturday at 3 p.m.









4 Measure up (6)

6 Many-sided

way? (8)

ioint (6)

right (10)

19 Beat it! (7)

5 Gave direction s a different

Many-sided figure anchored to go adrift (10)

7 Go without saying (4,6,5)

8 Chain surrounding low

13 Disturb record formerly

16 Constance and archdeacon

17 Do nothing about Sidney dancing back to back (4-2)

Edward came together (8)

# CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

# ACROSS

1 Sweet girl goes after the fruit (5,9) 2 Remarkable master, I

- concluded, amongst mesters of an art (7) 10 Again thanks boy who had been caught again (7)
- 11 Promising girl (4) 12 Considerate, but not empty-besided? (10)
- Is Make a casual visit on physician doing small operation at home (4,2)
- 15 Double list (4-4)

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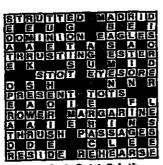
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- 24 Where to spend time underground (7)
- 25 Discharge coming from polluted take before time (7)
- 26 Didn't one keep one's cool in this dispute? (6,8)

- DOWN 1 Had high opinion of another maid, left-winger (7)
- 2 Squeeze pear during the interview (5,10)
- 3 Met tyrant trapping artist

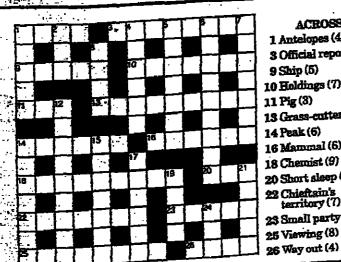
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# SOLUTIONS

23 Tag is acceptable although forbidden (4)



Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Trouble, 5 Bruin, 8 Amass, 3 Radient, 10 Tolerable, 12 Orb, 13 Discorn, 14 Plunge, 17 Ski, 18 Applauded, 20 Educate, 21 Score, 23 Tread, 24 Denuded. DOWN: 1 Trait, 2 Ove, 3 Bestrew, 4 Enrobe, 5 Budge, 6 Unadorned, 7 Notable, 11 Lassitude, 13 Dissent, 15 Linison, 16 Append, 18 Award, 19 Dread 22 Odd.



ACROSS 1 Antelopes (4) 3 Official report (8) 9 Ship (5)

10 Holdings (7) 11 Pig (3) 13 Grass-cutter (9) 14 Peak (6)

16 Mammal (6) 18 Chemist (9) 20 Short sleep (3) 22 Chieftain's territory (7)

23 Small party (5) 25 Viewing (8)

DOWN 1 Deep valley (5) 2 Vase (3)

4 Residential area in US (6) 5 Platelayer (7) 6 Lady's-maid (4-5) 7 Breathing hole (7)

8 Asian sea (4) 12 Disappear (2,7) 14 Sorrow (7) 15 Imprecise (7)

17 Aft (6) 19 Stone (4) 21 Aviator (5) . 24 Wooden case (3)

# **TELEVISION**

# THURSDAY

#### E CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

# No broadcasts

**■ CHANNEL 1** 

Four Seasons

10:00 Draw me a Song 10:10 Drop Dead Fred (1991) - Wild Fred, Ellzabeth's imaginary childhood friend, is back. Starring Phoebe Cates. 11:45 The 10th Annual Monte Carlo Magic Awards 12:45 Happy House, starring Gadi Yagil 13:15 La Dolce Vita (1960) – Lengthy trend-setting film by director Federico Fellini. Marcello Mastrolanni heads the strong cast 16:05 Hit Squad 16:25 Family Affairs 17:00 News in English 17:10 Italian Festival 18:25

ARABIC PROGRAMS
19:00 News 19:30 13-part documentary series on the Himalayas
HEBREW PROGRAMS

20:00 Mabat News 20:15 More Loverty than Ever - Hour-long docu-mentary on the making and restoration of My Fair Lady, winner of eight Academy awards 21:15 The Distance (1994)— Israeli production about an architect resident in America who returns home to find a family surprise. Starring Haim Hadaya. 22:40 Journey through the Tunnel - documentary about excavations in Jerusalem 23:15 Shirley Bassey in Cardiff 00:15 News 00:20

#### **■ CHANNEL 2**

9:00 Welcome Home Roxy Carmichael (1990) – The people in a small town in Ohio go berserk antici-pating the return of a local girl who made good in Hollywood. Starring Winona Ryder. (98 mins.) 10:45 Festival Songs 12:00 Bagrut in the desert 12:30 Alkum the Great – car-ton 12:40 Songs for the Festival 12:40 Songs for the Festival
14:00 National Geographic goes to
the wildlife preserve in Madagascar
15:00 The Peace Diaries -joint
Israeli-Palestinian-British-Dutch production, following the September 1993 signing of the Declaration of Principles 17:00 News 17:05 Empire of the Sun (1987) - Set in Shanghai at the outset of World War II. Starring John Malkovich (152 mins.) 20:00 News 20:50 Candid Camera with Yigal Shilon 21:10 Bull Durham (1988) - Smart, sassy film about minor-league North Carolina baseball team and its attentive, intelligent groupie, Starring Kevin Costner and Susan Sarandon. 23:15 Open the tes - hazanut with Yehoram Gaon

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Medical help for tourists (in English) 177-022-9110 177-022-9110
The National Poison Control Center at Rambam Hospital 04-8529205, for emergency calls 24 hours a day, for information in case of poisoning.

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#### I JORDAN TV

13:00 Disney's Aladdin 13:30 The Legends of Treasure Islands 14:00 My Secret Identity 14:20 NBA 15:15 The Crystal Maze 15:40 Pirates – documentary 16:30 Gillette World Sport special 17:00 French pro-grams 19:30 News headlines 19:35 Carol and Company 20:00 The Album Show (music) 20:45 Star Trek 21:30 Murphy Brown 22:00 News in English 22:45 The Diamond Fleece, starring Ben Cross and Kate Nellington 00:00 Mallock

#### MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 The 700 Club 14:55 Escape from Angola - Two animal trainers become stranded in the wilds of become stranded in the wilds of Africa 16:30 Dennis the Menace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Fables of the Green Forest 17:45 Another Life 18:10 Hawaii Five-O 20:10 The A-Team 20:00 World News Tonight: Arabic 20:30 CNN Headline News 21:00 Evening Shade 21:30 Jake and the Fatman 22:20 Law and Order 23.30 The 700 Club 00:00

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#### ■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 News 16:15 Arts magazine 17:15 Royal Tears 18:00 NBA 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Inside Stuff 20:00 Mabat news 20:45 Telekessef 21:15 Cliff Richard 22:15 Royal Wedding (1951) - A brother-and-sister dance due take their act to London at the time of the wedding of the future Oueen Elizabeth II.Starring Fred Astaire, Jane Powell, Peter Lawford.(93 mins.) 00:00 Late night jazz

#### ■ ETV 2 (23) No broadcasts

# FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Two Kunilemels (1966, Hebrew) - musical comedy of errors set in a Polish shtell. 10:90 JFK; The Wild Years - mini-series 11:35 JFK: The Wild Years 13:00 Aunt Clara (1977, Hebrew) - comic drama by Avraham Hefner 14:30 On Your Face (1989, Hebrew) - hidden cam-era 16:00 The Meter Is Running (Hebrew) – drama about a cab-driv who picks up strange fares 17:00 Cornedy Marathon - The Jewish Mother 17:01 Nanny 17:25 Nanny 17:50 Mad About You 18:15 Mad About You 18:40 Friends 19:05 Friends 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Alex in Love - drama of adoles-cence, set in Tel Aviv of the '50s 21:30 Final Exam (1983, Hebrew) -Assi Dayan's drama of adolescent love, based on book by Galila Ron-Feder Celeste 23:00 Precious

Babies - Part 2 00:35 Wise Cracks (1992) - With Whoopi Goldberg, Robin Taylor, Joy Bahr, and others

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

6:05 Charles & Diana (1992) dramatization of the royal uncouple (88 mins.) (rpt) 7:40 Darling Lili (1970) 9:30 Tattle Tale (1993) (rpt) 11:05 The Prince and the Showgirl (1957) - Romance of an American showgirf with an English prince, set against coronation of George V. Based on play by Terence Rattigen.
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report on the new film Broken Arrow,
starring John Travolta and Christian
Slater 13:30 Out of Africa (1985) – Starring Meryl Streep, Robert Redford (rpt) 16:10 Double Trouble (1979, Italian) - Two burns are hired to serve as doubles for two threat-ened millionaires. 17:55 Who's Harry Crumb? (1989) - comedy of inept detective hired to find the kid-napped daughter of multimillionaire. Starring John Candy. 19:25 Airborne (1993) - California surfer moves to Cincinnati and makes a smash on roller blades. 21:00 Indecent Proposal (1993)— Blockbuster about a tycoon who offers a loving hus-band S1 million for a night with the wife. Demi Moore, Robert Redford, Woody Harrelson. (112 mins.) 22:55 Indian Runner (1991) - Starring Valeria Golino, Charles Bronson Dennis Hopper. (120 mins.) 1:00 The Night We Never Met (1993) (rpt) 2:40 Target of Suspicion (rpt) 4:15 Homicide (1991) (rpt)

#### E CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Happy Etty -11:00 The Adventures of David the Gnome 12:30 Surprise Garden 13:00 Treasure Island (rpt) 13:35 Professor Iris (rpt) 14:00 Kathy the Caterpillar 15:20 Saved By the Bell 17:00 Magic Hours 17:05 Sweet Valley High 17:35 Beverly Hills 90210 (rpt) 18:30 Chiquititas 19:30 Family Matters 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Step By Step 20:50 My Big Brother Jack 21:20 Cheers

#### E SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 To Live (1994, Chinese) - tale of survival of a family over the course of decades through revolution and social upheaval (126 mins. 00:10 The Decalogue (1988, Polish) - Part 1 ("I am the Lord your God") of Krzysztof Kieslowski's acclaimed TV series, showing man's confrontation with deep spiritual and moral questions in ordinary life. 1:05 The Nanny (1956) psychological thriller starring Bette Davis, William Dix. (89 mins.)

# DISCOVERY (8)

7:00 Open University 10:00 The Spirits of the Rain Forest - docu-mentary film about an Indian tribe in South America 11:00 The Spirits of the Rain Forest 12:00 Transitions -Rediscovery of Nature 12:50
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14:00 Open University 16:00
Transitions – Beyond the Mirror
16:50 Transitions – On Death 18:00

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6:00 Aerobics 6:30 The Artist and the Professor 7:00 Beverly Hillbillies 7:30 Ciao Italia 8:00 E! TV 8:30 Gabrielle 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Oprah Winfrey 12:00 Remington Steele 13:00 Ciao Italia 13:30 E! TV 14:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 14:30 Small Wonder 15:00 The Black Stallion 15:30 Batman 16:00 Home and Away 16:30 Entertainment Tonight 17:00 M\*A\*S\*H 17:30 21 Jump Street 18:30 The X Files 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 Hard Copy 21:30 Beverly Hills 90210 22:30 Fall Guy 23:30 Entertainment Tonight 00:00 Oprah Winfrey 1:00 Hard Copy 1:30 Home and Away 2:00 The Sullivans

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#### **EUROSPORT**

9:30 Show Jumping ~ World Cup from Paris (rpt) 10:30 Olympic Magazine 11:00 Challenge Games 12:00 Motor Sports Magazine 13:00 Formula 1: Car racing 13:30
Motorcycle racing 14:00 Car racing 15:00 Speed skating 15:30 Surfing 16:00 Sea Wheels 16:30 Leisure Sport Magazine 17:00 Challenge Sports 18:00 Parachuting 18:30 Snowboarding 19:00 Aerobics 20:00 Boxing 21:00 Body Development 22:00 Professional Wrestling 23:00 Soccer: European Semi-Finals 1:00 Formula 1: Car Racing

#### E PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Cricket 11:30 Asian Sports 12:30 Tennis: ATP Semi-Finals 14:00 Golf 14:30 Golf - Omega Tournament 15:30 Car Racing 17:00 German Soccer 17:30 1995 Strongest Man in the World Competition 18:00 Boxing 20:00 Cricket 21:30 Futbol Mondial 22:00 Rugby 23:00 Motorcycle Racing

# MR BBC WORLD

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# CINEMA

Thursday. Movie theaters are closed, Wednesday, unless otherwise stated.

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# Nimrodi, Ronen plead not guilty

NEARLY eight months after the indictment, Ma'ariv chairman and former editor-in-chief Ofer Nimrodi and the daily's security officer David Ronen pleaded not guilty in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yester-day to charges of commissioning wiretapping from and paying hush money to private investigators Rafi Friedan and Ya'acov Tsur.

Nimrodi, also the owner of the Hachsharat Hayishuv insurance company, and Ronen, the company's vice president, were indicted last August on 15 counts of commissioning wiretaps on senior Yediot Aharonot editors, employees, and others and paying Friedan and Tsur monthly sums for not cooperating with police. The indicument was made possible after Tsur secretly turned state's witness in February 1995.

Since August, defense lawyers Dan Avi-Yitzhak and Yehuda Weinstein have tried to have the indictment canceled and have repeatedly argued that the district

attorney's office has not made all of the evidence available to them. Another judge ordered the district attorney to pass over evidence which it had deemed irrelevant. However, yesterday Avi-Yitzhak and Weinstein still claimed that all of the evidence is not in their hands and asked for the trial to

start after the summer recess.

After minor objections by the District Attorney's representative, Rafi Levy, Judge George Kara agreed to start the trial in September in order to give the lawyers time to examine hundreds of files and tape recordings. Some 50 hearing dates have been set, ending in April 1997.

Defense lawyers also said yes-

terday that they retain their right to change their clients' pleas to certain charges if necessary at a later stage. They also said they would petition the High Court of Justice to examine the evidence which Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal deemed classified.

Settler sentenced for trying to force Sarid off road OHAD Barat, the Elkana man convicted of trying to run Environment Minister Yossi Sarid off the road last August, was given a two-year suspended sentence by Tel Aviv District Court yesterday, after he promised to apologize to Sarid. Judge Edna Kaplan also fined him NIS 5,000 and banned him from driving for two years.

Brat was driving on the Ayalon highway from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv when he noticed Sarid's car. According to the charge sheet, he tried to run him off the road several times, and made obscene gestures. Sarid called in Barat's license plate to police, who arrested him when he



Gabriel Strenger koshers his pots for pessah outside a synagogue in East Talpiot, Jerusalem as his son, Natan, helps out. (100 Makolin

# Passport workers end sanctions

HAIM SHAPIRO

INTERIOR Ministry officials who issue passports went back to work yesterday, after reaching an agreement with the Finance Ministry at the Jerusalem District Labor Court.

The workers had begun a go-slow strike last week and stopped work altogether on Tuesday, keeping would-be travelers who had forgotten to renew their passports from leaving the country. The ministry said those who had submitted requests for new or renewed passports before the goslow strike would receive them by mail.

During the holiday, ministry offices are to be closed, as they are every year, but emergency passport services are to be available at the ministry offices in Afula, Ramat Gan, and Rishon Lezion.

# to receive hikers

PACK your matza sandwiches, water bottles, and hats and hit the hills, woods, and parks for scores of Pessah activities being hosted by environmental groups. The Nature Reserves Authority is operating information booths for daytrippers at major junctions throughout the country and also has a "Green Line" -(02) 500-5431 or (02) 500-5430 which will offer information on dif-

As in previous years, the NRA is running a treasure hunt in some nature reserves. A number of sites have been adapted for the disabled.

The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel has prepared several guided tours and events, many of which are free, for Pessah vacationers. Details on its activities can be heard on its "Natural Information" line: (03) 638-8696.

The National Parks Authority is also gearing up for visitors. Many national parks will have special events such as performances, concerts, and art workshops. One of its main attractions will be at Tzipori on Sunday and Monday, where visitors can meet with hosts in period costumes. The NPA's 24-hour hot-

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set up information booths at sever-al major junctions with details on facilities and activities in woods

All the green groups are remind-ing hikers to stick to marked paths, be careful with fire, and leave no A number of accidents have

occurred recently due to hikers' negligence. The NRA suggests precautions such as being equipped with a map; checking the duration of excursions to avoid getting stuck in the dark; taking between two and five liters of water per person; not entering wadis on cloudy days when flash floods are possible; and leaving details of the planned route.

Haim Shapiro adds: A special Pessah treat is in store for stargazers tonight, with a total eclipse of the moon. According to Yigal Pat-El, chairman of the Israel Astronomy Association, the eclipse is to begin at begin as 1:20 a.m. and

reach its peak at 3:09 a.m. Despite the tension along the Lebanese border, Moshe Attia, director of the Upper Galilee Tourism Association, reports that

# Green groups ready

Winning cards In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis dui-

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ly Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the act of spedes, nine of bearts, ace of dismonds, and ten of clubs.

Whening numbers In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning mumbers were 6, 12, 14, 15, 25, 38 and the additional number was 44.

# Norway probes confiscation of Jewish property

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THE Norwegian government inquity-into the confiscation by the Quisling government of Jewish property during World

In a letter to World Jewis Congress president Bronfman, the secretary-general of the Norwegian foreign min-istry, Kjell Colding, wrote that his government would "spare no effort to clear this case." Colding said the commission would present its findings to the ministry

of justice within a year. Colding said that the commission had a mandate to look into the events both during and after

It is believed that property belonging to the small Jewish community of Norway and confiscated during the war runs into tens of millions of dollars, WJC secretary-general Avi Beker said yesterday. He said the Quisling government had established a commission to liquidate the property which regularly held

auctions of Jewish assets. The seven-man independent committee set up this week will be headed by a retired judge. Oluf Skarpnes, and will include two representatives chosen by the Oslo Jewish community.

One of these representatives is Bjarte Bruland, 26, who as a student at Bergen University three years ago decided to write an MA thesis on the economic implications of the confiscation of the Jews' property. He has accumulated vast quantities of hitherto uncollected data.

Bruland's research was published in June last year by the Norwegian economic paper, Dagens Naeringsliv, and the matter was raised in the parliament in Oslo.

In September 1995, WJC and Jewish Agency representatives, together with the local Jewish community, raised the issue with the Norwegian foreign ministry. The letter to Bronfman came in response to these contacts.

There were close to 2,000 lews living in Norway during the period of the Quisling regime. Some 750 were sent to the death camps where all but a dozen or so perished. The remainder were evacuated to safety in Sweden. Today the lewish community of Nerway numbers some 1,200.

Beker expressed satisfaction with the decision, saying that it was of great importance both to the international effort on behalf of confiscated lewish property and to Norway's role as an East today.



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